

**Catholic Community of Owosso St. Paul Parish**  
**K-8 Religious Education 2023-2024**  
**Guidelines**

Arrival

- Please drop your child(ren) off at the gymnasium Entrance to St. Paul School on Dimmick St.
- For safety doors will be locked after opening prayer.
- If your child(ren) will be late or absent please call or text the DRE at (517) 202-6531

Dismissal

- The doors will be unlocked at 12 Noon.
- Children will be dismissed from the gymnasium to St. Paul School.
- Children K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade should be picked up by a parent, guardian, or older sibling.
- Please pick your child(ren) up on time. They get anxious and nervous when parents or guardians are not on time. Call ahead if you know you will be late and then we can inform and prepare them. Please make sure you have **at least two** alternate persons that may be contacted or may pick up your child(ren) listed on the registration form.
- We **will not** release any children to someone who is **Not** previously listed as a responsible party on the registration form. If someone other than a parent or guardian will be picking your child(ren) up from religious education please make every effort to notify the DRE ahead of time.

Absences, Homework, & Make-up Work

- **It is very important that your child comes to every class session.** When children miss class, they miss coming together and learning as a community of believers *and* they miss the lesson as it is taught to the whole class which is a dynamic experience that cannot be repeated.
- The lesson missed will be sent home with the expectation that the parent or caregiver will go over the material with their child(ren) who will turn it back in to their catechist at the next class period.

Discipline

- Self-discipline is our goal. A child requires education in virtue and love to teach them how to control their emotions and impulses so as to have mastery over their body, mind, and spirit.
- Every child who attends religious education has the right to enter into a sacred and safe place of encounter with the living God.
- If issues of discipline arise, the religious ed staff will adhere to these guidelines:
  - First offense - Handled at the catechist level.
  - Second offense - Handled at the director level, with a call home.
  - Third offense - Handled at the director level. The parent/caregiver will be called and asked to pick up the child. A conference will be scheduled and if the issue cannot be resolved the child may be asked to participate in religious education from home.
- We want every young person to have the opportunity to grow in faith, hope, and love in Jesus Christ in a safe, nurturing, and sacred space where they can encounter, trust, and follow Him.

Inclement weather

- Safety is always first! If you feel that the conditions are too dangerous for driving please stay at home. Call the religious ed office to see if class has been cancelled at (989) 723-4765

Food

- Because so many children have food allergies please do not send in food from home.

Announcements

- Religious education and sacramental prep information will be given to students/parents at RE class or conveyed by phone, mail, or email.