



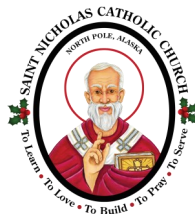
CALENDAR

September 21 st :	RE Classes Begin
September 28 th :	Safe Sunday
October 5 th :	RE Classes
October 12 th :	RE Classes & Adoration
October 26 th :	All Saints' Celebration
November 2 nd :	RE Classes
November 9 th :	RE Classes
November 16 th :	RE Classes & Adoration
November 23 rd :	RE Classes
December 7 th :	RE Classes
December 14 th :	RE Classes
December 21 st :	RE Classes & Adoration
January 11 th :	RE Classes
January 18 th :	RE Classes & Adoration
January 25 th :	RE Classes
February 1 st :	RE Classes
February 15 th :	Apostle Sunday
February 22 nd :	RE Classes & Adoration
March 1 st :	RE Classes
March 22 nd :	RE Classes & Adoration
March 29 th :	RE Classes
April 12 th :	RE Classes
April 19 th :	RE Classes & Adoration
April 26 th :	RE Classes
May 3 rd :	RE Classes - Mary Procession, Ice Cream Social, Teacher Appreciation

ADORATION

The children in 1st through 5th grade go to Adoration once a month from 11:15 –11:30 am. They are introduced to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament through the use of song, posture, and special prayers. Parents are encouraged to make time to join us.

October 12th
November 16th
December 21st
January 18th
February 22nd
March 22nd
April 19th



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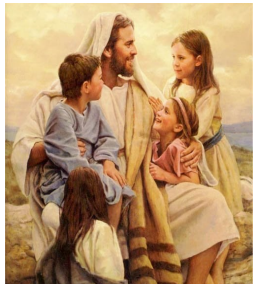
Age 3 through Fifth Grade

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

3, 4, and 5 Year-olds

Age for enrollment is 3 years old by September 1st; however, children must be both potty-trained and mature enough to remain in class and participate in the activities with the other children.



Jesus with the children.

We have two classrooms doing Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. It's a very quiet, yet hands-on approach to learning the faith. It is a Montessori

based religious formation methodology for children aged 3 to 12. It helps our youngest faithful to develop an authentic prayerful relationship with God who loves them, through the use of sensorially rich materials. It originated in 1954 through the work of Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, a Biblical scholar trained in Catholic theology, and Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori educator. Life and faith are celebrated as children learn about special seasons and days, scripture, and prayer. Children ponder the lessons and deepen their relationship with God.

First thru 5th Grade

St. Nicholas Parish has chosen to use the *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* Faith Formation Program this year. It differs from other programs in several significant ways. It integrates faith formation with the life of the parish community experienced at the Mass.

This allows children to learn their faith within the rhythms of the liturgical year & the Mass is more meaningful to the children because they are familiar with the Gospel proclaimed each week.

This program does not use a textbook. Each child will receive a "catechism handbook" called, *What the Church Believes and Teaches*. It contains the doctrinal elements that are seen as essential for each grade level. Each week the children receive a new lesson dated for each Sunday of the liturgical year. Lessons on days we do not meet will be sent home. Parents should ask their child(ren) for this page each Sunday! Free resources designed for families are included: such as *The Gospel at Home*, a weekly summary of the Sunday Gospel with suggestions for parents to use at home, plus additional resources including an email reminder with a link to the resources that you can sign up for. Go to www.gospelweeklies.com, click on "Browse," and then click on "Resources for Families." You can gather as a family at home to talk about the lessons as a family.

Classes begin at 10:30 and end at 11:45 am.

Apostle Sundays

During the year there will be two opportunities, called Apostle Sundays, for parents to participate with their children in events that will strengthen their "little church" at home.

The two Apostle Sundays this year are:

- * October 26th
- * February 15th

Apostle Sunday events happen during the usual Sunday RE class time.



The desire for God is written on the human heart. [CCC 27]

Sacraments

First Reconciliation, First Communion, and OCIC occur outside the Sunday morning RE classes [see the brochures called First Reconciliation & First Communion and Order of Christian Initiation for Children (OCIC)]. ***Mass attendance & Sunday RE classes are mandatory for those in Sacramental Preparation.***

Those third through fifth grade students who are already baptized but who have not had the opportunity to attend a regular RE program and need to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion will attend their age-appropriate class on Sundays as well as the monthly classes for Sacramental Preparation.

Extreme Weather Policy

Extremely cold weather or dangerously icy roads may result in a cancelled class. When the North Pole *Time and Temperature* message (488.1111) at 8:00 am states the temperature is -40 degrees or colder, or when the condition of roads are too icy, classes will be cancelled. **Notifications will be sent out via Flocknote.**



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