

# St. John of the Cross Parish School of Religion

Dear Parents,

Thank you for wanting to have your children learn more about their God.

**Our mission statement is to teach and share the Love of Jesus with all God's children.**

Rules for the St. John of the Cross Parish School of Religion are as follows:

1. Classes begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:25 a.m. for kindergarten through 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Please be prompt. Children and teachers attending 8:30AM mass will be dismissed at the part of the mass where Good News begins. I will be there to escort children to class.
2. Students are expected to attend the Youth Masses scheduled each month. This will be considered attendance for class, and role will be kept. Students and their families should arrive for 10:30 a.m. Mass no later than 10:25 a.m. so they can be seated and their attendance checked off on Youth Mass Sundays.
3. There will be Sunday Morning Catechism at 9:30 am for all parents who would like to stay and learn more about the Catholic Faith. It will be held in the kitchen while your children go to class. All are invited to attend.
4. Please refer to class schedule for all dates and times of classes and Youth Masses.
5. Children should be dropped off in the rear of the new building on class days because the classrooms are located there. The first drop off point is for kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. The second drop off point is for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grades. Children can be picked up at the same locations following class.
6. Attendance is required. A student will be allowed 3 absences per school year. Class work must be made up, and a note must be sent with your child

after an absence. Special circumstances will be dealt with on an individual basis.

7. There will be no eating or drinking in class.

8. There will be no electronic devices, including cell phones, I-pods, I-pads, laptops, etc., allowed in class. Students should focus on God and the subject matter in class.

9. Always be nice and respectful to others around you.

10. Weekly Mass attendance is strongly encouraged by all students and their families in the Parish School of Religion. This attendance reinforces the commitment your child should be making to God and the Catholic faith.

11. There will be a grading system with extra credit points available on a regular basis. There will be awards given for Most Attendance and the Most Christian Student(includes most points) in each class.

12. The cooperation of all parents is essential for your child and the St. John of the Cross Parish School of Religion to have a successful year of learning about God: the Father, Jesus, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Our Catholic Faith is a wonderful gift from God. We need to appreciate it and cherish it to the fullest.

We thank you for leading your children closer to God.

Yours in Christ,

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