



KINDERGARTEN

Curriculum: The Pflaum Gospel Weeklies are used. There is no text book. Children receive a pamphlet each week. Pamphlet for Kindergarten is called "Promise" and focuses on the Gospel reading for the week. See their website <http://www.pflaumweeklies.com/parents/> for great family activities.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up Procedures:

Children are dropped off at the classroom **no earlier than 5 minutes before Mass begins** – Please respect this rule and give the teachers time to prepare for class

Before class:

- Bring your child into the church
- Select a green "seat saver" from the basket in the entrance
- Select your families seats (sitting in the same place/area each week makes it a bit easier for your child to remember from week to week)
- Place the green "seat saver" on your kindergartener's seat.
- Bring your child to the bathroom on your way to their classroom – **Parents** must accompany their child to the classroom!

We are required to have TWO adults in the classroom at all times, if the parent helper does not show up for their assigned duty, class will be canceled! Therefore, when you drop your child off to the class you are to stay in the classroom until the parent volunteer shows up or someone willing to step in as a volunteer stays.

Children will join Mass around the time of the Prayer of the Faithful. Therefore, parents are required to be in Mass while their child is in class. Look toward the baptismal font to see when the children enter. If your child looks confused, walk around the outside of the Church and collect them.

Attendance:

Regular attendance in the class is beneficial for both your child and the other children in the class. A child who attends only occasionally will not gain much from the program as it is developmental in nature.

Parent Aide:

Every family is required to serve in each of their children's classrooms as a parent aide on a rotating basis. We will email schedules via Sign Up Genius after the first class. **Please be sure to put those dates in your calendar.** ***The ONLY exception is the family of catechists teaching during that class time.***

As previously mentioned, ***if you do not show for your volunteer week, the class will have to be canceled*** unless another parent offers to step in for you.

If you have a conflict it is YOUR responsibility to contact the other families via the "swap" feature in Sign Up Genius to find a replacement. Notify the teachers of any changes, so they know who to expect in the classroom.

All parent aides are required to complete diocesan background screenings, including: Screening ONE form. The CPS forms must be notarized! Once you complete these forms they are good for 5 years! This is for your safety and your child's safety.

Parent aides are an “extra set of helping hands” for the catechists. Each catechist may have different expectations. *Be sure to ASK them what they expect before class begins.* Essentially, you can help by being available for a child who is having a difficult time, escort children to the restroom, assisting with craft and activities. The catechist will be responsible for leading the lesson but you can help. Don't sit idle, participate! Remember, this is also a way for your child to see that you value faith formation and feel what they do is important.

Weather Closings:

Check your email or the website www.saint-mikes.org for closing information.

Call 527-1037 ext 17 and listen to voicemail for closing information, as always, use discretion, if you are not comfortable driving, do not come.

Special Situations:

If you have a child who requires classroom adaptations or special needs please contact me ASAP (this would include children with ADHD, ADD, Food Allergies, Diabetes, Autism, Downs Syndrome, etc...).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Patti Kamper, Elementary Coordinator at 527-1037 or pkamper@saint-mikes.org.