

Our Vision of Parish Catechesis

To work in partnership with families to provide deepening growth, development, and nourishment of the Catholic faith in parents and their children.

Working in Partnership "There is no question that parents exercise the primary influence on the faith formation of their children. The family setting more than anything else is the place where faith formation takes place. Devotional and ritual practices, attitudes of respect and reverence, moral and ethical convictions: these are "caught" more than "taught" by everything children experience every day in the home. Responsibility for catechesis however extends beyond the home and the family. All Catholics need to see themselves as catechists, sharing the faith by their example, their interest and their support. A parish needs to see itself as a catechizing community, some members of which have special tasks." --Catholic Bishops of Wisconsin, Discipleship from Age to Age: A Call for Renewal in Catechesis, Wisconsin Catholic Conference, September 18, 1994.

***Attendance Policies:** Students in all grades are expected to attend all class sessions, except for sickness or family emergency. Successive absences will be checked by the catechist or Director of Religious Education. Email JoAnn to let her know if your child will be absent due to sickness or unavoidable circumstances, vruwink@newmanec.com.

*The following is from the Eau Claire Area School District Board Policy, number 881.3, Relations with Churches: Wednesday evening is considered "church night" in this community. Since churches schedule youth activities after school and after dinner, school activities should not take place. It is understood that some senior high activities cannot be avoided that evening, but care should be taken to avoid conflict with church activities. This arrangement has been a long-standing agreement with the local ministerial group. Referenced Acts, Statutes, Instructions: 118.001, 120.12(1), 120.13(1)(a), 120.44, Wisconsin Statutes. Parents whose children experience problems with abuse of this policy are encouraged to speak to the advisor or coach involved about the policy and then contact the building principal if abuse persists. The DRE/CRE can also be an advocate for children and youth in this area--please inform us if your child/youth experiences abuse of this policy.

MAINTAINING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

*Parents of children in Grades 1-4 must drop them off and pick them up at their classrooms. Children will not be dismissed until a parent arrives, unless other arrangements are made with the DRE (JoAnn).

*Students in Grades 5-10 should remain in the school building until a parent/guardian arrives to pick them up.

*All students and parents should use Door #5 in the corner of the IC school parking lot to enter the building.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

*Please do not park between the Enter and Exit gates of the parking lot on Highland Avenue. Double parking is not allowed at any time.

*Parking in the alley is not permitted unless you need handicapped accessible entry. Please contact JoAnn to make arrangements.

Basic behavior guidelines:

All people and property are to be treated with respect.

Cell phones are to be off or on silent and never out unless the catechist requests it

Quiet voices and walking feet in halls only

Immaculate Conception Parish campus (school, church, hall, parking lot, alley, and Adjacent sidewalks) is a drug and tobacco free zone!

Disruptive classroom behaviors may result in removal of a student from the classroom. Parents will be notified and the student may return only after meeting with the parent, student, DRE, and possibly Fr. Francis or Fr. Michael.

Sacramental Preparation: Second grade students are prepared to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Most candidates for Confirmation finish their preparation by the Spring of their sophomore year in high school. If your child is beyond these grades and has not yet received the corresponding sacrament, please notify us regarding preparation.

Tuition Payment: If you have registered and not paid, please do so by going to www.shspec.org. Tuition assistance is available! Please reach out to JoAnn for more information vruwink@newmanec.com