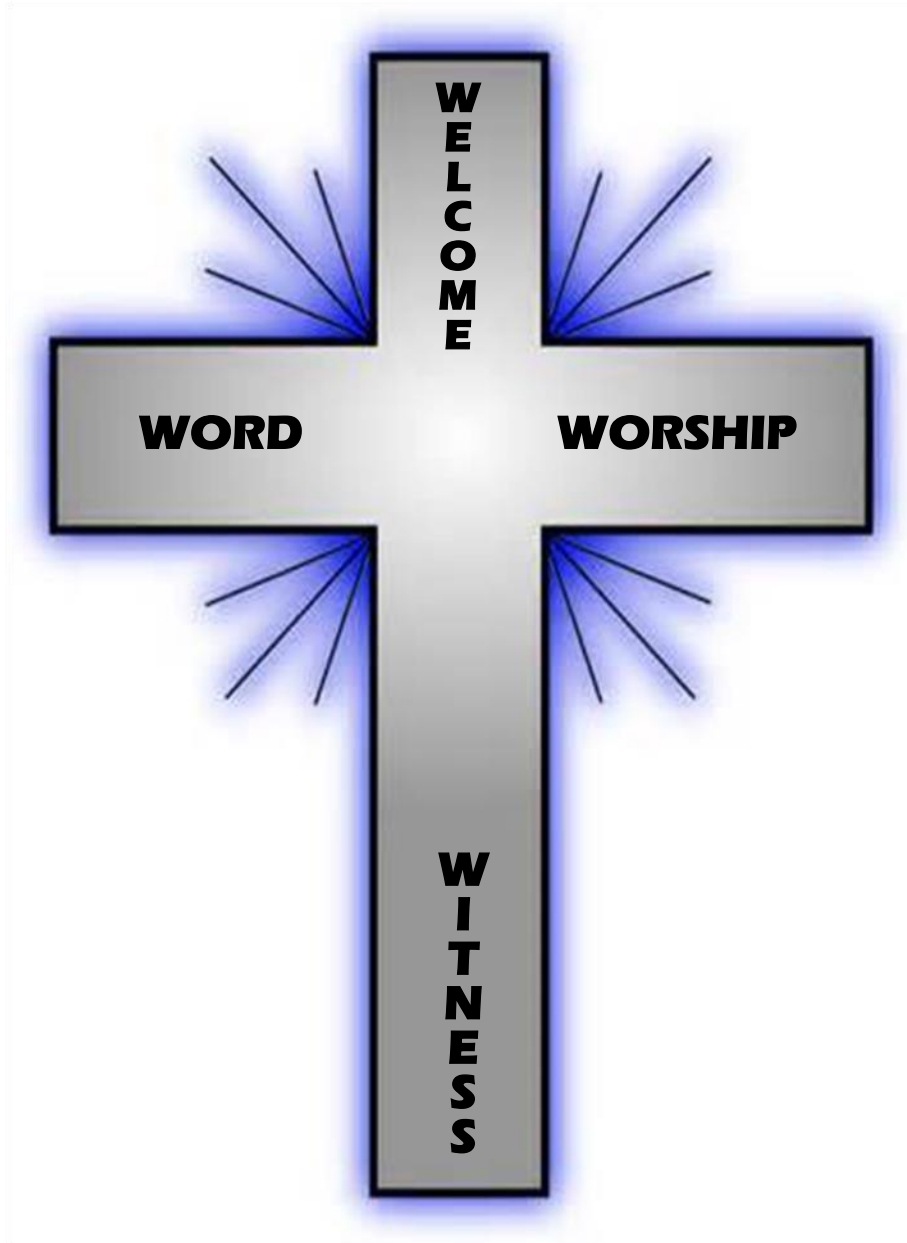
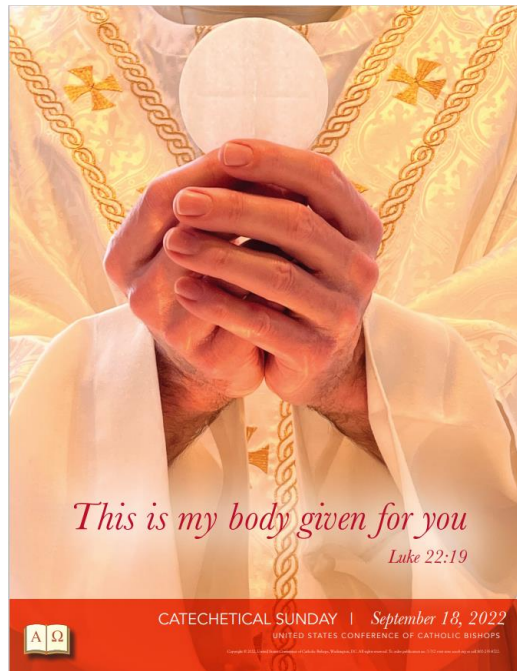


RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
FAITH FORMATION



FAITH FORMATION HANDBOOK
2022 - 2023

WELCOME



Welcome to Resurrection Faith Formation for children and youth! Families, catechists and parish staff, are joined in fulfilling the Church's mission. The Church's mission is: This is my body given for you.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word Eucharistic, meaning thanksgiving. In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present -- body, blood, soul, and divinity -- under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

Our parish staff and catechists are excited to join you in this sacred mission! Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday"— a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people. In 2022, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on **September 18, 2022**, under the theme of "*I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.*" On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

In the year ahead, place your trust in our God who is ever present in the sacred and the everyday. It is his Holy Spirit which continues to inspire and guide us in the fulfillment of our Church's mission. The Resurrection parish and staff is partnered with you in this calling and promise to support and encourage you through prayer, witness and example as you strive to model our faith within the context of your family.

FAMILY PRAYER

Loving and merciful God,

You instituted the family as an instrument of your fruitful love.

We know that the family is a sacrament of the love your Son has for His Church.

Send forth your Holy Spirit upon our family to forgive us for our sinfulness,

to heal the personal and social wounds that afflict us,

to bring consolation to the vulnerable among us,

and to enable us to reach out in compassionate care to all those families in need.

Make possible within us and for us what only you can do.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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WORSHIP

MASS TIMES

Weekdays	Monday thru Friday - 8:30 AM
Sundays	Anticipatory Mass Saturday evening - 4:00 PM Sunday Masses - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Holy Days - 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

HOLY DAYS AND PRINCIPAL MOVEABLE FEASTS

The following is a list of Holy Days, including moveable feasts (*Holy Days whose dates change from year to year*). Mass attendance is required on all Sundays and those Holy Days for the 2022-2023 year listed below in bold and capital letters.

All Saints Day	Tuesday	November 1, 2022
JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE		Sunday, November 22, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	Sunday	November 27, 2022
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	Thursday	December 8, 2022
CHRISTMAS	Sunday	December 25, 2022
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	Sunday	January 1, 2023
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday	February 22, 2023
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY	Sunday	March 26, 2023
Holy Thursday	Thursday	April 6, 2023
Good Friday	Friday	April 7, 2023
Holy Saturday	Saturday	April 8, 2023
EASTER	Sunday	April 9, 2023
DIVINE MERCY	Sunday	April 16, 2023
ASCENSION	Thursday	May 18, 2023
PENTECOST	Sunday	May 28, 2023
BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST	Sunday	June 11, 2023

PARENTS BAPTISMAL COMMITMENT

The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks directly to the right and duty of parents to educate their children in the faith.

Through the grace of the Sacrament of Marriage, parents receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children. Parents should initiate their children at an early age into the mysteries of the faith of which they are the "first heralds" for their children. They should associate them from their tenderest years with the life of the Church. A wholesome family life can foster interior dispositions that are a genuine preparation for a living faith and remain a support for it throughout one's life.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #2225

Our Resurrection Catholic Community is prepared to help parents with this awesome responsibility of passing on the Catholic faith to our young people. We offer high-quality core catechetical programs in which many dedicated volunteer catechists give countless hours preparing their meeting places, their "lessons" and their hearts. They have also committed additional time to workshops, seminars and meetings in order to provide their groups with the best faith-sharing leadership possible.

PARENTS can provide an excellent model of faith to your children by...

- fulfilling the promise, you made at the baptism of your child to be the first and best teacher of the faith to your child
- modeling and encouraging full participation in the life of our parish community through
- worship and service
- helping your child/ren learn their prayers and essential Catholic teachings
- sharing with your child/teen the need for them to be respectful, attentive and cooperative
- making every effort to have your children attend sessions promptly and faithfully
- reviewing any missed material prior to the next session
- encouraging your child/teen to participate in parish youth activities and service opportunities
- reviewing any rules or procedures the catechist has made known to their group
- seeking ways in which you can become more involved in Faith Formation offerings at Resurrection
- supporting the ministry of catechesis with personal prayer

YOUNG PEOPLE attending Faith Formation are expected to:

- participate in our weekly Sunday Liturgy
- come to each session with an open and positive attitude
- cooperate with the catechist in order to maintain an atmosphere of mutual respect
- participate fully and appropriately in their group's activities
- treat the parish property and the property of others with respect
- give parents any information distributed by catechists
- settle matters peacefully without resorting to violence; no fighting, kicking, use of bad language, etc. is allowed
- stay on parish grounds at all times unless given permission otherwise
- follow safety rules for arrivals and dismissals as set by the Director of Faith Formation

SPECIAL NEEDS

It is our goal to embrace all of God's children in our ministry. Occasionally children come to us who present special needs. In an effort to welcome all children and meet the individual needs of each child, we ask that parents share all specific information regarding their child/ren's individual needs: i.e. physical limitations, medical concerns and special learning needs. Every effort will be made to provide one-on-one assistance if needed. If specially trained personnel cannot be provided, our staff will work with parents and invite their participation to help meet the specific needs of their child.

SACRAMENTAL FORMATION INFORMATION

The Diocese of Joliet requires ongoing Faith Formation participation prior to celebrating a sacrament. Students who choose to postpone sacramental preparation are expected to continue their Faith Formation until ready to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. The reception of these sacraments should not be viewed as a graduation. Rather it is understood that all baptized Catholics share the call to life-long Faith Formation and are expected to participate.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Guidelines put forth by our Bishops concerning baptized children, specify that the Sacrament of Reconciliation should be received prior to First Communion. At Resurrection, the formal preparation for these sacraments traditionally begins in the Fall of Grade 2 and requires parental involvement in meetings, workshops and the completion of sacramental preparation materials at home. Older children who request these Sacraments are provided with age-appropriate preparation materials and participate in other formational activities as outlined by the Director.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION: TBD

FIRST COMMUNION

All First Communicants and their families are expected to:

- participate in faith formation process for a minimum of **two consecutive years**
- participate in our weekly Sunday worship.
- participate fully and our Parish Children's Faith Formation.
- attend parent and children's sessions, workshops, and retreats.
- complete all in-home sacramental materials.
- celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation prior to the celebration of First Communion.
- together with the Pastor and Director, assess the child's readiness for the celebration of First Communion.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION: TBD

CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION

Two weekends will be set aside for the celebration of First Communion. Parents will be given the opportunity to request, in order of preference, a First Communion date.

**FIRST COMMUNION DATES (PENDING ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR CONFIRMATION DATE) TBD
(REHEARSALS ARE THE TUESDAY EVENING PRIOR AT 5:30/6:30)**

2022-2023 FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Grades 1 – 6

	TUES 4:30 – 6:00	WED 3:30 – 5:00	SAT 9am-12:00	MONTH	TUES 4:30 – 6:00	WED 3:30 – 5:00	SAT 9am- 12:00
SEPT **	Sept. 13 Icebreaker & Orientation Dismissal @ 5:30	Sept. 14 Icebreaker & Orientation Dismissal @ 4:30	Sept. 24 Icebreaker & Orientation Dismissal @ 10:00	JAN	10	11	14
SEPT	20	21		JAN	17	18	
SEPT	27	28		JAN	24	25	
OCT	4	5	8	JAN/FEB	31	1	
OCT	11	12					
OCT	18	19		FEB	7-No Class 8-No Class Catechist Evening of Formation		
OCT	25 No Class FMSC	26 No Class FMSC		FEB	14	15	18
NOV	1	2	5	FEB	21	22 ASH WEDNESDAY	
NOV	8-No Class Election Day	9-No Class					
NOV	15	16		FEB/MAR	28	1	
NOV	22 NO CLASS Thanksgiving	23 NO CLASS Thanksgiving		MAR	7	8	
NOV	29	30		MAR	14	15	18
Dec	6	7	10	MAR	21	22	
Dec	13	14		MAR	28-No Class Spring Break	29-No Class Spring Break	
Dec	Christmas Vacation			APR	4- HOLY WEEK No Class	5-HOLY WEEK No Class	
	Classes resume January 10, 11, & 14			APR	11	12	15 Last Class
				Apr	18 Last Class	19 Last Class	

****Orientation/Parent meeting will begin as soon as children are in their classrooms. Dismissal time is approximate.**

Please inform our Faith Formation Office of any absence or tardiness by calling our

ATTENDANCE LINE: 630-289-5400 #214.

Any messages left on staffs' extensions will not be received prior to class time.

Thank you for your cooperation

2022-2023 FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR Grades 7-9

	TUES 6:30 – 8:00	WED 6:30 – 8:00		MONTH	TUES 6:30 – 8:00	WED 6:30 – 8:00	
SEPT	20 - Parent Orientation	21 - Parent Orientation	1 hour class	JAN	10	11	
SEPT	27	28		JAN	17	18	
OCT	4	5		JAN	24	25	
OCT	11	12					
OCT	18	19		Jan/FEB	31	1	
OCT	25 No Class FMSC	26 No Class FMSC		FEB	Catechist Evening of Formation 7 No Class	8 No Class	
NOV	1	2		FEB	14	15	
NOV	8-No Class Election Day	9-No Class		FEB	21	22 Ash Wednesday	
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CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Christian Formation Commission of Resurrection Catholic Community, are dedicated to providing for the spiritual formation of the entire community by offering opportunities that foster a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith and an awareness of the Mission of God's people in building and living God's Kingdom. Our work will:

- Be filled with the spirit of the Gospel
- Call forth the God-given gifts of the entire community
- Be evidenced in expressions of faith-filled words and deeds
- Will result in a faith-filled, spiritual community that understands the value of Christian faith formation of all ages, lives the values of Catholic Tradition and thirsts to continually enrich, educate and renew itself.

MEMBERSHIP

Members must be zealous and willing to give generously of their time and effort, mindful that their interest and concerns must be for their respective ministries and the Commission. The term of membership is three years. The function of the Faith Formation Commission Membership is to be visionaries for the faith formation of the Resurrection Catholic Community.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COMMISSION MEMBER:

- To attend monthly Commission meetings and annual joint Parish Council-Commissions Meeting.
- To represent each of the Faith Formation ministries by assisting communication between the ministries and the Commission.
- To plan, implement and evaluate spiritual formation opportunities.
- To be available and be able to participate in events of spiritual formation.

2022–2023 MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACT INFORMATION

For current Chair and contact information, please see the Directory Page in the front of this handbook. The commission is made of staff members and parishioners. We invite you to come and sit in at one of our meetings.

Our Commission invites input from all parishioners. If a parishioner has an item of interest or concern to share with the Commission, a request may be made to address the Commission by contacting the Commission Chairperson. If a parishioner would like to address the Commission, all requests must be made one week prior to the next scheduled meeting in order to be placed on the agenda.

MEETING TIME & LOCATION

The Commission usually meets monthly on Mondays, late afternoon/early evening in the Parish Offices. Actual dates are determined by the availability of the group and the needs of staff and parish council. For additional information, please contact Mary Ann Thede, chairperson: mathede@gmail.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

All families wishing to enroll their children in Faith Formation programs must first be a registered member of Resurrection Catholic Community. On January 1, 1993, we declared ourselves a Covenant Community. A Covenant is a signed document, an agreement between you and the community, that we will be faithful and supportive of one another. Christianity is not an individual religion; it is a communal one - a community with Jesus Christ as head.

BECOMING PART OF OUR COMMUNITY

All families registering with our parish are required to attend a Newcomers Orientation Session usually held on the fourth Sunday of the month immediately following the 10:30 mass. The monthly orientation meeting allows newcomers to become acquainted with the parish staff, to meet other families and to be informed about the ministries and services that our parish offers. To complete one's registration a signing of the parish covenant is required. Arrangements can be made to register for newcomer's sessions by contacting the Resurrection Pastoral Center.

PHILOSOPHY

Our parish community is committed to assist and support parents as we work together through our Faith Formation Programs to provide our children and teens an opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of their faith, prayer and service opportunities.

SAFETY MEASURES

The care and safety of our children, youth and volunteers is of primary importance. For this reason, Resurrection Church has adopted the following safety measures to avoid and/or respond to emergencies:

- **No SNACKS.** Due to current health and safety concerns no snacks will give.
- All catechists have been provided with **procedures in the event of fire, tornado, the presence of blood borne pathogens, and lockdown.**
- **Evacuation plans and emergency numbers** are posted at the entrance of each classroom.
- For the safety of our young people, **all NO PARKING/STANDNG and FIRE ZONES SIGNS must be observed when transporting participants to Faith Formation and Youth Ministry events.**
- No child in grades 1 – 5 will be dismissed into the parking lot unattended. **Parents are expected to park, enter the building and await dismissal in Marvin Hall Narthex no sooner than 15 minutes prior to the end of class.** Children in grade 6 may escort younger siblings to the parking lot with parent permission.
- For security reasons, there will be **limited access to the faith formation building. All entrances will be locked with the exception of the upper level, entrance #3.** Please ring the bell located by this entrance if you need to enter the building at alternate times. See the table below.

SESSION	DOORS UNLOCKED	DOORS LOCKED	DOORS UNLOCKED
Tuesday, 4:30 – 6:00	4:15	4:45	5:45
Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:00	6:15	6:45	8:00
Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:00	3:15	3:45	4:45
Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:00	6:15	6:45	8:00
Saturday (when in session)	8:45	9:15	11:15

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES

In the event of an emergency or inclement weather, there will be an announcement made via a direct text message through FlockNote. This will also be posted on the parish website resurrectioncc.com. When possible, please listen or watch for an announcement on local TV and radio stations. Please do not call the parish office. We follow the decision of U-46 to cancel school or dismiss early.

ATTENDANCE

Faith Formation supports— not supplants— the faith development that stems from the home. Faith Formation sessions provide structured formal and age-appropriate catechetical instruction. Every student is expected to attend all sessions unless excused for illness or family concerns. All Resurrection families are asked to make the Faith Formation Calendar a priority when scheduling youth and family activities. **In the event of an absence, parents are asked to inform the Faith Formation Office by calling 630-289-5400 x 214. Catechists are asked to take attendance during the first 15 minutes of the session.** If, for any reason, a young person misses a session, parents are asked to see that the material is covered prior to the next scheduled session.

VISITORS TO THE PROGRAM (Due to COVID restrictions, we are no longer encouraging visitors currently.)

Parents/guardians are encouraged to visit during the year but are asked to give notification in advance. Students who wish to bring a guest to class may do so, but they should notify the catechist and the Director in advance. Those guests should share materials. Frequent guests will be required to enroll formally in Faith Formation.

PARTIES

No parties or food allowed in classrooms or in Marvin Hall due to the restrictions by the State due to COVID-19.

LOST AND FOUND

We cannot accept responsibility for lost items. All articles and books should be marked with the student's name so they can be returned. Lost items without names will be brought to the Faith Formation Office for two weeks; unclaimed items will then be given to charity.

MEDICATION

Catechists cannot dispense any medication, even aspirin. Parents/Guardians must decide and provide the Director with written permission to dispense prescription medication if needed. Prescription medicines must be in original container from the pharmacy and clearly labeled. If

a student is on medication during the school year, we ask that the student remain on medication while attending Faith Formation classes.

FIRST AID

In the event of medical emergency, the person listed on the emergency form will be notified. If a student complains of not feeling well, he/she should be sent to the office and the parents will be notified. In the event a child is bleeding, catechists are to take necessary precautions according to 1st Responder guidelines.

CONFERENCES

Occasionally, a conference may be requested by a parent/guardian, a catechist or the Faith Formation Director. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to contact the catechist for updates on the student's progress and the Director of Faith Formation for other concerns. FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

All children and teens participating in our weekly Faith Formation program options will explore the Sunday Scriptures as part of their Faith Formation. They will spend time "Breaking Open the Word" during every session. In addition to scripture study, all young people will also have a core curriculum to guide the catechetical process. As our children grow, so does the content explored at each grade level.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

All parents are encouraged to participate in the one-time required diocesan course, Protecting God's Children. All volunteers who assist in our Faith Formation sessions, chaperone events, transport children and youth, assist with service projects or outings, must have completed this course. In addition to information valuable to volunteers, the content of the course also provides parents with excellent information regarding the protection and safety of your children.

To register visit www.virtus.org and locate Joliet, Illinois (diocese) on the drop-down menu.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline is not punishment. Nor does it mean keeping quiet! Discipline is an inner orderliness and control with a purpose. The purpose is to help persons be disciples- --learners and followers of Jesus. A group with good discipline is one where persons gladly work toward learning and living the Gospel. Respect for oneself and others is the hallmark of a Christ follower. To provide a safe, Christ-centered environment for our youth, parents are asked to review the following policies & guidelines that children/teens are expected to observe:

WEAPONS/DRUGS/ALCOHOL STATEMENT

Unfortunately, we live in an age where it is necessary to state clearly the following: The Diocese of Joliet's policy on weapons expressly forbids possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons on or in diocesan property. Property includes buildings and parking areas. Likewise, the unlawful manufacture, distribution, transfer, purchase, use or being under the influence of illegal substances is strictly forbidden. As tobacco products do not promote healthy choices for youth, the diocese asks students and adults to refrain from using these products during youth events/classes.

HARASSMENT POLICY

These guidelines of the Diocese of Joliet are important to create a Christian environment for learning and sharing. Those who engage in this behavior hurt not only themselves and the people around them, but the entire body of Christ suffers. Harassment based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, marital status or sexual orientation means conduct of verbal or physical nature that is designed to embarrass, distress, agitate, disturb, or trouble another person. This behavior has no place in a Christian community. Harassment may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- verbal, physical, or written harassment or abuse
- repeated remarks of a demeaning nature
- implied or explicit threats concerning one's grades, job, etc.
- demeaning jokes, stories, activities directed at a student, volunteer, or employee

OCCASIONALLY there may be...

- a violation of the above policies
- excessive tardiness or absences
- disruptive or inappropriate behavior in groups
- lack of parental involvement or cooperation
- unforeseen personality conflicts with the catechist or group members

TO REMEDY any of the above situations...

- **first**, contact should be made between catechist and parent to discuss the situation and possible solutions
- **second**, if problem persists, the catechist or parent should contact the appropriate staff member to explore further alternative solutions, such as arranging a meeting of all involved and inviting the parent to attend the group sessions. The staff may also provide techniques that may be used to alleviate the situation.
- **third**, if the above measures fail to produce an improvement in the situation, the staff will offer parents the option of continuing faith formation in the context of their own home.

WITNESS

For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. – Matthew 25: 36-37

In order to grow as Disciples of Christ, we must reach out to those in need around us. Our Catholic Church has proclaimed its social teaching for more than 100 years! Our faith offers us guidelines to follow when reaching out to others and working for justice, equality and human dignity. These are the called the ***Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching***. Each month, October through April, our staff and catechists will highlight one of these principles. There will be one targeted service project each month which crosses all grade levels. Listed below that key teaching, there is a list of other ways in which your family might address that principle through various service projects. We ask that your family support and participate in these opportunities to be Christ to others.

OPTION FOR THE POOR AND THE VULNERABLE (OCTOBER)

The Catholic Church has established that the needs of the poor come first. Simply stated, every person needs food, water, housing, education and medical care. Those who do not have these things are considered poor. Our Church teaches that those who are without must be treated with extra respect and be given what they need. Those who are not poor, must share what they have with others. Some suggestions...

- **Feed My Starving Children, 1072 National Parkway , Schaumburg, IL 60173 -Tuesday, October 25th at 4:30-6:15 and Wednesday, October 26th from 7:00pm -8:30 Provide **Schaumburg address and website to sign up 10/27 or 10/28**
Sign up for the date most convenient for your family. There are no Faith Formation classes this week due to this service opportunity. We recommend registering your family as quickly as possible due to limited capacity.**
- **Neighborhood Food Pantry**** A Neighborhood Food Pantry is a collaboration of churches and organizations that provide people in need with food and emergency help with utilities, rent, auto assistance, and shelter. Resurrection is one of three host sites. We provide food for approximately 700 families each month and help many others with emergency needs. Help is always needed with receiving, unpacking, sorting and distributing food to the Food Pantry guests. In addition to the weekly operation of the Neighborhood Food Pantry, our parish invites your help with our special seasonal Food Baskets distributions at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.
- **P.A.D.S.** (Public Action to Deliver Shelter)** is committed to providing safe and hospitable shelter, support services and advocacy to people who are homeless in DuPage County.



- **Respect Life Ministry** This** ministry works toward building a Culture of Life where every human being is valued and protected from the moment of conception until natural death.

****see www.resurrectioncc.com/ministries
Click on *Social Concerns* for contact information.**

LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON (NOVEMBER)

The Catholic belief in the life and dignity of the human person is fundamental to our moral vision. All people are made in the image and likeness of God. **People never lose dignity because of disability, illness, age, poverty, race, or imprisonment.**

- **Ronald McDonald House**

Ronald McDonald House is built on the simple idea that nothing else should matter when a family is focused on the health of their child – not where they can afford to stay, where they will get their next meal or where they will lay their head at night to rest. They operate on the belief that when a child is hospitalized the love and support of family is as powerful as the strongest medicine prescribed. To volunteer, contact:

Ronald McDonald House (near Central DuPage)
0N150 Winfield Road
Winfield, Illinois 60190 USA
Phone: 630-517-8678

CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION (DECEMBER)

We are called to live out our faith in our families, and in our community...workplace, school, neighborhood, and parish. The opportunities for getting involved and making a difference in the lives of people around us are limitless. Here are a few ways we will be involved this year...



- **Faith Friends**

Faith Friends will be formed between our Confirmandi and our First Communicants this year. They will accompany one another as they journey toward a fuller initiation into our faith community.

- **Resurrection Giving Tree**

Take a gift tag from our Advent Giving Tree and help to make the celebration of Christmas a little brighter for someone in need. Watch for details!

- **Living Nativity (TBD)**

Come and participate in in this shared narrative of our faith.

- **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child**

Pack a shoebox full of small gift items to go to a child in need.

For additional information visit: <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS (JANUARY)

Our Catholic faith teaches that the economy must serve people, not the other way around. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected – the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organization and joining of unions, to private property and to economic initiative.

- **“Souper” Bowl of Caring - TBD**

Souper Bowl of Caring invites our parish families to fight hunger and poverty right in our own community around the time of the Super Bowl football game. We will be collecting canned soup for our neighborhood Food Pantry. Tallies are kept to track donations and the winning grade! <https://souperbowl.org/>



- **The Diocesan Employment Resource Center**

This office continues to offer guidance and support to many members within the Diocese of Joliet who are seeking employment.

<https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/derc/sectioncontent.php?secid=2>

- **The Midwest Shelter for Homeless Vets** <http://www.helpaveteran.org/>

This organization seeks to not only provide veterans and their families with housing but also offers support services that lead to self-sufficiency. Their *Veterans Employment Program* assists unemployed and underemployed veterans with gaining meaningful, long-term employment. Children will reach out at various times during the year to bring messages of hope to those receiving services from MSHV.

- **Fair Trade**

Our faith challenges us to make gift choices that support economic development projects in low-income communities in the U.S. and around the world. Doing so can help you to live out the Gospel call to bring good news to the poor, recovery of sight to the blind, and liberty to captives (Luke 4:18). Fair trade is not about spending more money or buying more stuff. It's about helping producers get a fair price for their goods. Shop with workers in mind! <https://ethicaltrade.crs.org/>



- **Catholics Care: Catholics Vote**

Be an informed, faithful citizen when casting your vote. This website provides a resource to form conscience; to teach those entrusted to our care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in light of Catholic Social Teaching i.e. minimum wage, working conditions, immigration, etc.

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/index.cfm>

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (FEBRUARY)

Catholic tradition teaches that every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. We have a duty to one another, our families and to the larger society.

- **Someone You Should Know**

Keep an eye out for current events/people who work for human decency. Children and youth will be asked to bring in news articles & clippings that highlight individuals who are working to rectify injustices and bring about peace.

- **Social Justice Saints**

Read about saints and holy people who worked to bring about change for the common good. <https://educationforjustice.org/topics/saints-martyrs-heroes/>

SOLIDARITY (MARCH)

Our Church teaches that we are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be! Our love for our sisters and brothers demands that we care for one another and that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

- **Catholic Relief Services - Rice Bowl**

We will be joining with nearly 14,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses around the U.S. in prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent. In global solidarity, we will serve our brothers and sisters most in need around the world. Act as missionary disciples and participate with your family in Rice Bowl this Lent. 75% of your donations go to support global efforts while 25% stays in our local community.



- **Be a Peacemaker**

St. Teresa of Calcutta Reflects on Working Toward Peace...

The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace.

Let us not use bombs and guns to overcome the world. Let us use love and compassion. Peace begins with a smile. Smile five times a day at someone you don't really want to smile at; do it for peace. Let us radiate the peace of God and so light His light and extinguish in the world and in the hearts of all men all hatred and love for power.

Today, if we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other—that man, that woman, that child is my brother or my sister. If everyone could see the image of God in his neighbor, do you think we would still need tanks and generals?

Peace and war begin at home. If we truly want peace in the world, let us begin by loving one another in our own families. If we want to spread joy, we need for every family to have joy.

Today, nations put too much effort and money into defending their borders. They know very little about the poverty and the suffering that exist in the countries where those bordering on destitution live. If they would only defend these defenseless people with food, shelter, and clothing, I think the world would be a happier place.

The poor must know that we love them, that they are wanted. They themselves have nothing to give but love. We are concerned with how to get this message of love and compassion across. We are trying to bring peace to the world through our work. But the work is the gift of God.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION (APRIL)

We show our respect for God, Creator, by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's Creation.



- **Neighborhood clean-up TBD**

We will be sprucing up the parish grounds and also offering assistance to neighbors in need of help with their springtime clean-up. Watch for details of how your family can get involved.

- **OXFAM**

Do you believe in the power of people to end the injustices of poverty? All of us living in poverty and those who are not all have a role to play! Discover awareness activities and find out more at <https://www.oxfamamerica.org/take-action/>

- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** <https://www.village.bartlett.il.us/services/utilities-resident-services/recycling>

- **Anderson Animal Shelter**

Wish List is available at: <https://www.andersonanimalshelter.org/wishlist>

IMPORTANT LINKS

Discover more great FREE resources for prayer, activities, and more to help your family grow in faith with these pages:



www.catholicmom.com

A group blog by and for Catholic moms and dads with lots of resources, recipes, ideas for family activities, and a Sunday Gospel Activities page.



www.domesticchurchfamilies.com

An officially recognized lay movement that provides lifelong formation for sacramentally married couples for the sake of achieving sanctity together, growing in mutual love and providing an environment where children can thrive and grow in union with Christ.

www.equippnfcatholicfamilies.com

Free resources and ideas for families - recipes, crafts and activities for saints and feasts for the Church Year, downloadable catechetical handouts and more.



www.osvparish.com/ResourceLibrary/FaithatHOMe.aspx

Activities, prayers, articles and other resources on social justice, spirituality, the liturgical year, Mary and much more.

www.loyolapress.com/catholic-family.htm

Resources and activities for children, teens, family fun, holidays and prayer. Site also has "Sunday Connection" with resources for the Sunday readings.



www.sadlierreligion.com/family.cfm

Family articles, resources, weblinks and connections to their textbooks for children and youth



www.FormingFaithfulFamilies.com

Podcasts, video series, books, home resources, great ideas, speaking engagements and much more for Catholic Families from a couple who has 14 living children and a lot of faith.

www.vibrantfaithathome.org/



Prayer, activities and reflections for children, youth, young adults, young families, teen families, adults/couples, and parents/grandparents encourages families to Talk, Pray, Ritualize and Reach Out.

DIOCESAN WEBSITE: www.dioceseofjoliet.org

PARISH WEBSITE: www.resurrectioncc.com

FACEBOOK PAGE: Resurrection Catholic Church @FriedRiceandGolf

CLIMATE CHANGE: <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/>

SIGN THE PETITION FOR CLIMATE CHANGE: (www.CatholicClimateMovement.global/petition)

**DIOCESE OF JOLIET POLICY REGARDING SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS
(Revised**

2013) <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/siteimages/chancerytribunal/OYCP/PolicyRegardingSexualAbuseofMinors2013.pdf>

**STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR FOR THOSE WORKING WITH
MINORS** <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/siteimages/chancerytribunal/OYCP/Standards2014FINAL.pdf>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

2013 http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/siteimages/chancerytribunal/OYCP/Acknowledgement_2014v2.pdf

REPORTING ABUSE

<http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/documents/ReportingSexualAbuse2.pdf>

INTERNET SAFETY BROCHURE

http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/reo/safeEnvironment_files/documents/InternetSafetyBrochure_r_November2010Rev.pdf

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

www.virtus.org

You may visit here to find all *Protecting God's Children* sessions being offered in your area. You must sign up for a class on this website. You cannot register by connecting an individual parish, unless otherwise noted.

**THE CLERICAL SEX ABUSE SCANDAL:
WHAT PARENTS CAN DO, AND HOW TO TALK WITH KIDS**

<https://www.pbgrace.com/respond-to-clerical-sex-abuse/>

Bishop Conlon's statement <http://dioceseofjoliet.org/communications/newsdetail.php?id=73>

You Tube videos from Bishop Barron:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ncMEXr60AeI> (Q and A on the crisis)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ani_hnN8Fs
(Why Remain Catholic in the midst of the scandal)