

**ST. ANN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
DIRECTIVES**

2011-2012

- 1. Classes for grades K through 7 are held on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at the Harker Wylie School, located directly across from Deborah Hospital and next to Isaiah Haines School. The time of classes have been scheduled to enable parents and students both to participate in Mass either before or after class, at the 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Masses.**

Special Sacramental classes (*CLASSES FOR 2ND GRADE OR OLDER WHO HAVE NEVER ATTENDED CLASSES BEFORE AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED FIRST COMMUNION*) will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in Harker Wylie School. These students will not receive First Communion until the 2012/13 school year.

Confirmation classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:05 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. in the Parish Centre.

- 2 Besides the regular attendance at class, it is essential that all parents bring their children regularly for Sunday Mass. For this reason every child will be given a box set of envelopes at the beginning of the year. Please have your child place this envelope into the collection basket at Mass. This system will let us know whether your child is attending Mass. If your child does not attend Mass, it will go against your child receiving the Sacraments as well as being promoted to the next grade level. Should your child be attending Mass at another Church, then bring along a bulletin of that Church, which will be a proof of your child's attendance there.**
- 3. Mandatory Parents meetings will be held for all grades. Please check your child's class assignment sheet for your scheduled parents meeting. Additional meetings may be scheduled, if so you will be notified via your child.**
- 4. THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES FOR ALL GRADES *K thru 8* will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at Harker Wylie School.**
- 5. THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES FOR OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS will be held on SUNDAY, September 11, 2011 at 9:05 a.m. in the Parish Centre.**
- 6. No child should enter the Harker Wylie School before 8:45 a.m. There will be NO DOUBLE PARKING WHILE CHILDREN ARE ENTERING OR EXITING. Please pay close attention to our traffic control assistants. Once the child enters into the building they should wait outside the classroom until the teacher instructs them to come in. Dismissal is at 10:15 a.m., Please be on time when picking up your child/ren. We must vacate the school by 10:20 a.m. Any child that has not been picked up by this time will be taken to the Rectory.**
- 7. The enclosed class schedule will be followed. Please note directions regarding emergency closing procedures.**

- 8. Strict attendance records will be kept. Regular attendance is required in ALL grades if children are to be properly instructed in the FAITH and adequately prepared to receive the Sacraments. Please send a note with your child explaining the absence the next class date; or, if you know ahead of time, please do it the previous week. Students are required to attend all classes. If a child is absent too many days, he/she may need to repeat that grade. If there is a problem with attendance, please speak with the principal as early as possible. Each situation will be assessed by the board as to proper grade placement the following school year.**
- 9. Again this year children in the second grade (WHO ATTENDED CLASSES LAST YEAR) will be formally prepared to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist. Any child who is entering into instructions for the first time, will not receive this sacrament until they have attended classes for a two year period. Parents of children who are being prepared to receive the sacrament this year are expected to attend meetings which are designed to provide assistance and to give support to the family at these special times. Further information on dates and times will be forthcoming.**
- 10. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in the Spring of 2012 for 8th graders who have been a part of a regular and ongoing religious education program. Again, only those children who were enrolled in a program for 5th, 6th & 7th grade will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. All children must be enrolled in a program for three years prior to receiving a sacrament. This policy took effect with the 98/99 school year. Special meetings will be scheduled for parents of these children. Dates and times will be announced.**
- 11. Tuition Fees: One child - \$60.00, Two children - \$85.00, Three or more children - 105.00.**
- 12. Sacramental Fees: There will be an additional charge for children who will be receiving First Communion and Confirmation. The Sacramental fee for children in these classes is \$25.00 per child, this is in addition to the regular tuition fees.**
- 13. Candy Sale: Each year we have a candy sale to help with keeping the cost of our Religious Education Program down. These funds also help with the many programs and activities our Parish offers throughout the year. All families are asked to participate and if possible, to sell at least one box of candy for each child enrolled in the program. Please hand in Candy money as soon as you sell each box. We thank you in advance for your participation with our Candy Sale.**
- 14. Tuition statements and return envelopes are enclosed. We ask that you pay the balance due if possible before September 1st. Arrangements can be made for payments on a monthly or quarterly basis if necessary by contacting Kim at the Rectory. Anyone who has not made a payment will receive a reminder in the mail.**