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Welcome Letter from the Pastor

August 2, 2011

Dear parishioners,

The peace of Christ be with you. If you are new to our parish—“Welcome”. If you have been here for awhile—“Welcome Back”. Welcome to the many opportunities we have in our parish for growing in our Faith.

The National Directory for Catechesis says that pastors have specific responsibilities that derive from their particular catechetical role. “All believers have a right to catechesis; all pastors have the duty to provide it.”

There is no way I can carry out my responsibilities in this area by myself. I am fortunate to be surrounded by talented, gifted and generous people in our parish, deanery and archdiocese who want to help you and your family members grow in our knowledge and love of our Catholic Christian Faith. Our Faith Formation department personnel are listed on the front of our bulletin and on our parish web site. They are going to offer a “buffet” to feed and nourish you this year. Please take advantage of these opportunities.

If you are a Catholic parent, you have a special obligation to see that your children attend the classes, programs, retreats, service projects and social activities that are offered. Yes, you, as parent, are the primary educator of your children. But, you can look to your parish and Catholic schools in the area to compliment and supplement your efforts in teaching our Catholic Faith to your children.

God has given TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE to each one of us. May God bless each one of us to be good stewards of our God-given gifts, so that we and our children may grow in knowledge and love of our Faith!

Gratefully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Charles Troncale".

Fr. Charles Troncale, Pastor

Welcome Letter from the Faith Formation Coordinator

Dear parents and students,

Faith Formation is a life-long process.

Our goal as your Faith Formation Department is to create a parish atmosphere of learning about our faith at all levels. From Pre-school to senior adults, we want to give all the opportunity to learn more about their faith.


We currently have 3 full-time members of the Faith Formation Department. I am responsible for the Adult programs, Evelyn Moreira is responsible for the Pre-K4 through 8th grade programs, and Ryan Bravata is responsible for the grade 9-12 programs,. We also have a GIFT Gathering program which is intergenerational.

This handbook will give you an overview of the programs and detail into some of the programs. Of course, the dates included are subject to change because one thing I've learned about church ministry is that it is very dynamic - things happen to us as humans and we must adapt as life challenges us. Faith Formation helps us understand this process. It also helps us have patience with the fact that we are working within God's plan and our plans are subject to His.

We are always looking for help. Please let us know how you can help us work God's plan for our parish Faith Formation.

Peace be with you!!

Gratefully in Christ,



Mr. Kevin Ryan
Faith Formation Coordinator

General Information

Pre-school – 8th Grade:

All Faith Formation classes for Pre-School through 8th grade and sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation are directed by **Evelyn Moreira**. For questions or to sign up, you may reach her by phone: 277-1989, or by email: dre@holy-spirit-church.com.

7th and 8th Grade Youth Group:

The Middle School Youth Group meets monthly. The dates vary so please watch your bulletins, email and regular mail for these events. There is a weeklong summer camp specifically for the 7th and 8th graders. Please watch for early information on this camp, as they fill up very quickly.

9th Grade through 12th Grade Youth Ministry:

The Youth Mass is on Sunday nights at 5:30. The teens participate by serving as lectors, ushers, altar servers, Masters of Ceremony, and gift bearers. Training is available. The youth group meets regularly for catechesis, service, social events and other activities including retreats and conferences. For questions or to sign up, call 277-3743. There is usually at least one week long summer camp offered for high school youth. Please watch the bulletin for early information on these camps, as they fill up very quickly. Contact **Ryan Bravata** by phone: 797-5139 or by e-mail: rosaryinmypocket222@gmail.com.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation includes bible studies, faith sharing classes, special retreat events and other adult Faith Formation programs. Little Rock Scripture Study is one example of well-known adult Faith Formation programs that **Kevin Ryan** is responsible for. You may contact him at 277-3428 or ktryan@holy-spirit-church.com

Faith Formation Department Programs



Liturgy of the Word for Children (LWC)

Liturgy of the Word for Children celebrates the Word of God using the Lectionary for Children. Children in five-year old kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to join adult leaders in hearing the Word of God proclaimed in child-appropriate language. The program is held during the Liturgy of the Word portion of the 11:00 am Mass on the Sundays we have Faith Formation classes as defined by the calendar on the back of this handbook. The children are invited to process out of the church into their own “space” following the Gloria. The LWC includes singing, the first reading, responsorial psalm, Gospel and homily which may include acting out the Gospel, a craft or listening to a speaker. A profession of faith and intercessory prayers conclude the program and the children return to their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist in the church. Children are not taken away from Mass but brought into the Mass through a program designed just for them. For more information, contact Evelyn Moreira at 277-1989.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is held early in June each year (June 4–8, 2012). Themes vary from one year to the next. However, regardless of the theme, strong Catholic messages are incorporated into each program. VBS is for grades K through 6th. Preschoolers whose moms volunteer for VBS have their own program and a nursery is provided for volunteers. VBS is a week-long program. It begins at 9 am each morning and ends at noon. Youth in grades 7-12 participate by acting as teen guides, program performers and catechist aides. Adults are encouraged to volunteer to help make this a great program for the whole parish family.

God’s Own Making

This is a home program available for parents of children in grades 4th - 8th, from the Sadlier Series. Its focus is on family life and human sexuality. It contains a parent guide and student activity book. The material is grade specific and supplements the Sadlier, *We Believe* textbooks used in class.

What are GIFT Gatherings?

A few times a year, the Faith Formation Department puts on an intergenerational learning experience for the parish. We call these programs GIFT Gatherings. GIFT is our acronym for Growing in the Faith Together



This program was developed from the national program Generations of Faith, in order to meet the continuing educational needs of parishioners of all ages. Most Catholics stopped learning about their faith after they were confirmed. This program allows adults to continue their learning process, as well as learn with their children, grandchildren, and friends throughout the parish. Some parishes throughout the diocese have opted to make Generations of Faith their main tool of Faith Formation, deciding to drop the traditional classroom setting of Faith Formation for a monthly gathering. At Holy Spirit, we have decided to do it both ways. The Faith Formation Department is committed to bringing Faith Formation to children, offer programs for different age groups, and offer everyone the chance to learn together outside of Mass.

GIFT Gatherings usually begin with a meal, deliciously catered by various restaurants and groups. Unlike other parishes, we opt to not charge an attendance fee at this time for the Gatherings, but we do ask for small meal donations. After the meal, we begin a GIFT Session based on the previously advertised event. These sessions vary between 1 and 2 ½ hours. There are age appropriate teachings at each session. Children from 4 to 10 normally have activities in the library or Thomas Hall at some time during the session. After the session, which includes talks, activities, video clips, and music, each household will receive a "Take Home Kit" which is designed to help individuals and families continue their faith journey away from the church proper. These kits include prayer cards, sacramentals, worksheets, and teaching tools to help parents further the educational process of their children. Please see the Faith Formation Sunday Calendar for dates and topics.

We are committed to doing about 2 GIFT Gatherings a year, and these programs are mandatory for those children enrolled in our Sunday Morning Faith Formation classes. If you would like to donate your time, help with implementation, set up, etc, please feel free to call Kevin Ryan at 277-3428

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Sacramental Preparation Descriptions

(See K4-8 Grades Section for specific calendar of events)

Baptism

Pre-baptism classes are offered on the second Monday of each month in the church, at 7:00pm. This “one-time class” is designed to assist parents with nurturing their faith as they welcome a new member into their family. Please call the church secretary to register your attendance. 277-5631.

First Reconciliation & First Communion

Children in second grade and above are eligible to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and communion. Children enrolled in our second grade Faith Formation class will automatically be enrolled in this class. Any other eligible child or child enrolled in a Catholic School may enroll in this program as well. The class meets for four sessions in the fall and four sessions in the spring including the sacramental reception. See the schedule on page 16. The class is designed for parents and children. In each session parents have their own class in which they are updated on the sacraments. Supplemental materials are provided to families. Call Evelyn Moreira at 277-1989 for more information.

Confirmation

The primary grade for confirmation in the Archdiocese of Mobile has been recently changed to the 11th grade. To be eligible for this sacrament the student must either be enrolled in a Catholic School or attend our parish Faith Formation program beginning in the 9th grade; including the sacramental preparation classes, service opportunities and retreats. Call Evelyn Moreira at 277-1989 for more information.

RCIA

Rites for Christian Initiation of Addults is a faith formation process through which an interested person can become Catholic or it is for those who simply wish to explore Catholicism. The process extends over a period of months and is designed to teach people of all ages about the Catholic Church, its history, the liturgy and our faith. For more information, call Liz Gregorius at 324-1320. See pages 23 & 24 for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation For Children

This Rite is designed to meet the needs of individuals who are not yet adults, but want to enter the Church with adult members of their family, or who have decided to come to the faith on their own at a later age than usual to receive the sacraments of Initiation. Call Evelyn Moreira – 277-1989.

Faith Formation Common Sunday Schedule

Classes Begin Sunday, August 14th, 2011

& End on Sunday, April 29th, 2012

2011		
August 7, 2011		FF Open House at MCPS
August 14, 2011		Sunday Class #1
August 21, 2011		Sunday Class #2
August 28, 2011		Sunday Class #3
September 4, 2011		No Class - Labor Day Weekend
September 11, 2011		Sunday Class #4
September 18, 2011		Sunday Class #5
September 25, 2011		Sunday Class #6
October 2, 2011		Sunday Class #7
October 9, 2011		Sunday Class #8
October 16, 2011		Sunday Class #9
October 23, 2011		Sunday Class #10
October 30, 2011		Sunday Class #11
November 6, 2011		Sunday Class #12
November 13, 2011		No Class - Veterans Day Weekend
November 20, 2011		Sunday Class #13
November 27, 2011	Advent	No Class - Thanksgiving Day Weekend
December 4, 2011		Sunday Class #14
December 11, 2011		Sunday Class #15
December 18, 2011		Sunday Class #16
December 25, 2011		No Class - Christmas Break
2012		
January 1, 2012		No Class - New Years Break
January 8, 2012		Sunday Class #17
January 15, 2012		No Class - Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday Weekend
January 22, 2012		Sunday Class #18
January 29, 2012		Sunday Class #19
February 5, 2012		Sunday Class #20
February 12, 2012		Sunday Class #21
February 19, 2012		No Class - Presidents Day Weekend
February 26, 2012	Lent	Sunday Class #22
March 4, 2012		Sunday Class #23
March 11, 2012		Sunday Class #24
March 18, 2012		Sunday Class #25
March 25, 2012		No Class - Spring Break (All Schools)
April 1, 2012		Sunday Class #26
April 8, 2012		No Class - Easter
April 15, 2012		Sunday Class #27
April 22, 2012		Sunday Class #28
April 29, 2012		Sunday Class #29-Last Class Day
May 6, 2012		First Communion

FAITH FORMATION
FOR
K4 THROUGH 8TH GRADES



Letter from the Coordinator of Children's Programs

Dear Parishioners:

Welcome to the 2011-2012 Faith Formation Program for the Pre-School K4 through 8th grade. This handbook will provide you with an overview of the programs we will offer this year. We seek to carry out this mission through traditional classroom instructions, GIFT Gatherings, sacramental preparation, liturgy and extracurricular service projects and fieldtrips.

The parish Faith Formation classes for Pre-K 4yr. old - 8th grades are held at the Montgomery Catholic Preparatory Middle School campus. We want to thank Mrs. Anne Ceasar, President of MCPS and Ms. Maria Nolen, Principal of the Middle School, for allowing us to use the facility. It is a privilege to be their guests.

The first two weeks of school will be both challenging and exciting as we become familiar with the school surroundings, rules, program requirements, and each other. The children's programs offered are staffed by adult volunteers. In some instances, recently confirmed teens have volunteered as teacher's aides and assistant child caregivers for special events. These are your programs and they will not happen without your involvement. Please seek to become involved as a catechist, aide, social coordinator, nursery provider, etc.

I look forward to working with our Pastor, the Faith Formation Team and all of you to make this year's Faith Formation Program at Holy Spirit Church a rewarding experience!

Yours in Christ,



Evelyn Moreira

Acceptance of Responsibilities

I have read this handbook and understand the policies concerning the parish catechetical Faith Formation program for Pre-school - 8th grade.

Parent or guardian

Date

I understand that I am taking Faith Formation classes to further my Faith Formation in the Catholic faith. I will do my best in class and participate fully.

Student

Date

*(This is a sample of the document your
child's teacher will provide for you to sign.
Please return signed & dated
to your child's catechist
by September 25, 2011.)*

Program Descriptions

Pre-school

Preschool classes for ages 3 & 4 or Pre-K, meet at MCPS Middle School. The children meet on regular Faith Formation class schedule Sundays and keep the same holiday schedule. Occasionally classes are canceled due to extenuating circumstances. In most cases, parents will be notified the week before. The sessions are activity-oriented, incorporating lessons from the Sadlier, "Discovering God's World" series. Parents should plan to volunteer at least one Sunday in their child's class during the school year to assist the catechist.

K5 through 6th Grade

The Sadlier Series "WE BELIEVE" is used in grades K5 through 6th. This series focuses on learning themes in each grade. The book includes age-appropriate prayers for memorization. We encourage you to become familiar with your child's catechism book. Learning the faith begins at home and our program is to assist you. Grades Pre-K to 5th meet in the Middle School Building. 6th graders meet in the Belke Bldg. Room B6.



7th-8th Grades

Students in grades 7th and 8th will use the Sadlier "We Live Our Faith" Series. The 7th graders meet in the MCPS Belke Center in rooms B-5 and the 8th graders meet in Room M3 of the High School Bldg.

*There is also a Middle School Social Youth Group for grades 7th and 8th. Watch your bulletin and mail outs for more information.



9th-12th Grades

Students in grades 9-12 that do not attend Catholic School are expected to attend catechetical classes. Please call the office to register and receive scheduling information.

*There are also youth group meetings and events for grades 9-12.

Policies

Attendance Policy

Students and Parents should make every effort to attend Faith Formation classes. Adult classes are held at the same times and same place as the children's classes. If any student **misses more than five (5) sessions** the student may not advance to the next grade level of Faith Formation. Students and parents with specific family situations preventing them from attending weekly Faith Formation classes will be handled on a case by case basis by the Director.

Testing and Grading Policy

Church of the Holy Spirit Faith Formation uses the Sadlier Publications Program. Each grade is assigned books and reviews material each week. A unit review follows each group of chapters. Children will complete the unit review test and will be graded on this test. Test scores will be recorded and tests sent home. Memorizing certain prayers is also required at each grade level. Memorization of the prayers will be tested in class. Parents should assist their children in learning material and prayers each week at home. At the end of each semester a "report card" will be sent to parents summarizing unit grades, learned prayers and attendance.

Parental Volunteer Requirements

All parents of children in the Faith Formation program are required to **volunteer a minimum of two (2) hours each year** for the Faith Formation process. Parents may volunteer in the following capacity (catechist, teacher's aide, K- 6th grade youth group activities, special event volunteers or committee member.)

Student Behavior and Expectations

- Students will be expected to show respect to their teachers, classmates, and to complete assignments given. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.
- For a student attending parish Faith Formation classes, we expect them to participate in the Mass and Sacraments in *this* parish, not elsewhere, on a regular basis with their parents or guardians.

Child & Adolescent Protection Policy

In a pastoral effort to respond to a heightened need for the protection of our children, the Archdiocese of Mobile is requiring a catechesis be given to children in all grades of our Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education Programs. We recommend this catechesis be done during Respect Life Week in October of each school year. Principles for Child Protection Catechesis, Teaching Objectives for Parents and Teachers and Learning Objectives for Students for the foundation for lessons to be taught in the classroom to support parents in providing the education and guidance children need to be safe.

All priests, deacons, school administrators, teachers, youth ministers, parish catechists, support personnel, coaches, and other volunteers with substantial contact with children will be required to attend training in the prevention and recognition of all forms of abuse against children. In addition, parents will be given any information to help provide their children the guidance needed to be safe. Finally, all persons who work with children in the Archdiocese of Mobile will be required to have background checks.

All children, grades K-8th, enrolled in Faith Formation classes will be taught their age level curriculum on Sunday, October 23rd, 2011. High school students will receive their training on October 16th, 2011.

City Wide Child Protection Training Classes- Montgomery Deanery

(4th Wednesday of most months at 7:00 p.m.
at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory High School)

† August 24	† February 22
† September 28	† March 28
† October 26	† April 25
† November 16	† May 23
† December (no class)	† June (no class)
† January 25, 2012	† July (no class)

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Parent Sessions

Classes are held at the Montgomery Catholic Middle School Complex from 9:25 to 10:35 AM on the following dates:

First Reconciliation 2011:

Sunday 18 September
Sunday 2 October
Sunday 16 October
Sunday 13 November
Sunday 4 December (Meet at Church)
**Thursday 15 December -
Parish Penance Service
6:30 PM at
Church of the Holy Spirit**



First Holy Communion 2012:

Sunday 22 January
Sunday 12 February
Sunday 4 March
**Sunday 18 March
Retreat
9:00 to 10:30 Dolly Baranco**
**Saturday 5 May - Rehearsal 12:00 Noon
Parish Hall & Church**
Sunday 6 May - First Holy Communion 11:00 AM Mass



First Holy Communion Interview Dates:

April 16-20, & April 23-27 with Fr. Driscoll. Sign-up for available interview times will be published in the spring. Please sign-up early and keep reminders of when your child is to have their interview.

Confirmation Preparation Archdiocesan Newly Established Policy

It is the newly established policy of the Archdiocese of Mobile that Confirmation is to be celebrated in the eleventh grade of school, effective August 15, 2011. There will be a celebration of the sacrament for eleventh graders when training has been completed. All parishes within the archdiocese are to adhere to this grade in establishing preparation programs for Confirmation.

It is estimated that the next celebration of the sacrament for the parish will be in the fall/spring of 2013/2014. Appropriate schedules and requirements will be posted after careful review of Montgomery Deanery parish programs have been completed. To be eligible for the sacrament of Confirmation the student must either be enrolled **every year** in a Catholic School or attend our parish Faith Formation program through eleventh grade.

If a student is newly arrived to Montgomery, documentary evidence of religious instruction taken elsewhere, must be provided to the program coordinator at the time of enrollment in our parish program. In addition to the catechetical component **every year**, there will also be periodic retreats and service projects.

Call Evelyn Moreira at 277-1989 for more information.



FAITH FORMATION FOR GRADES 9-12



High School Youth Ministry

All 9th - 12th grade teens are invited to attend our youth ministry events. Our Mass time is Sunday night at 5:30 and the youth are valued as our Lectors, Ushers, Masters of Ceremony, Altar servers, and gift bearers. The liturgy is vibrant with the help of our wonderful LIFE TEEN Band. After mass we meet (usually in the parish hall) for a quick dinner and move on in to our meeting. There may also be meetings on other nights of the week. Please refer to your bulletin and emails.

Our program is also filled with service opportunities, social events, smaller group gatherings and plenty of spiritually fulfilling trips and retreats.

We would also like to invite the parents of the youth to jump in and help out! We are always very blessed to have our core members, who are adults that volunteer their time and energy to the faith education and support of your teen.

We all remember what a difficult time the high school years can be. With the encouragement from you, the primary educators of your teens, and continued support of our parish, we will do everything we can to give your teens the tools they need to stay faithful to God's plan for happiness and success for each of them.

Most of our correspondence is through email, regular mail, bulletin inserts, and phone. Please be sure we have the correct information for you and your teen.

Sincerely,

Ryan Bravata

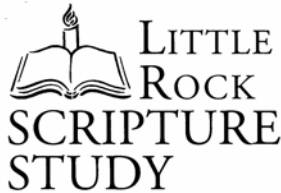
High School Youth Ministry consists of:

- † **Sunday 5:30 p.m Mass** – At the weekly Mass, teens and their families experience the depths of God's love through the Word, the community, and the Eucharist. Relevant preaching and quality music bring the Catholic Mass to life.
- † **Lifenight – Following Mass on Sunday Night**- Following the Mass, trained youth ministers and CORE members lead the teens deeper into their Catholic faith in the Lifenight experience. As a faith community, the teens grow in understanding of what it means to be young and Catholic in today's society. The teens are affirmed, educated, and challenged to live the gospel .
- † **Other opportunities:** There are also other opportunities for faith development for the teens that could be on other nights. Please watch the bulletin for those sessions.
- † **Retreats and Conferences** are also offered throughout the year and always have great impact on the lives of those that attend.
- † **XLT**- an intense time of Praise and Worship and Eucharistic Adoration. Usually offered 2-4 times a year.
- † **Summer Opportunities** usually consist of a Mission Trip and/or other camps to enrich and rejuvenate the teens and have some great experiences!
- † **FUN!** Look for camping trips, water park trips, Biscuit games...we like to have fun!

Faith Formation for Adults

Adult Programs Offered

Little Rock Scripture Study

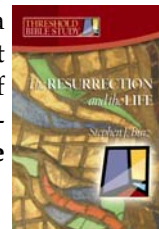


A few years ago, we chose to start using the Little Rock Scripture Study (LRSS) series for our base parish bible study class. We chose it because of its reputation for being a good sound Catholic doctrinal series which had been around for a while. It started in the 70's and had been updated a number of times since. We are currently offering LRSS on Sunday mornings at the MCPS during the Sunday morning Faith Formation children's class, for parents of students and other interested adults. We also offer a Tuesday evening class as well. This year we will study St. Paul's books, Galatians, Romans and Corinthians.

Do you have plans for tonight? You face extraordinary demands and your time is valuable. The pace of each day seems faster and the pressures greater than ever before - and it affects every area of your life, from the workplace to your home. It takes a special Bible study to relate to your life - the Diocese of Little Rock Scripture Study makes you want to come back for more as it helps you weave your faith throughout your daily life. It takes planning and willingness to give up a part of your day or evening, but the returns are well worth it; you'll learn how to apply a biblical perspective to the issues of today that concern you. You'll gain an inner strength as your faith grows and you'll also receive fresh inspiration and insight that will help you manage the pressures of your life.

Threshold Bible Studies

Threshold Bible Study is a new Bible study for a new era—a dynamic, informative, inspiring, and life-changing series that helps you learn about Scripture in a whole new way. Each of its theme-based books will help you to **explore** new dimensions of your faith and discover deeper insights **for your life** as a disciple of Jesus.



Journey Through Scripture—A Parish Based Bible Study Program

This dynamic series combines live presentation, multimedia, small group discussion and some outside reading, to help ordinary Catholics to grow in their knowledge of the Scriptures while deepening their understanding of the riches of the Catholic faith.

Sunday to Sunday

A small group discussion of the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. The group is led by Deacon Wadas after Tuesday morning Mass in the Parish Office conference room. Contact Deacon Wadas at 279- 9637 for more information

Parish Retreats

Currently we schedule one day retreats for all parishioners. Also, individuals attend retreats at Holy Spirit Shrine in East Alabama. Contact the Faith Formation office for more information.

Parish Mission

Each year the parish conducts a Parish Mission. Organized by the Parish Mission committee. The **2011 Parish Mission is scheduled for April 4-6** with Fr. Victor Karls, C.S.R., of the Ligouri Mission Team.

Just Faith

JustFaith is a national Catholic Social Teaching program. Just Faith is a 30-week intensive look at poverty in our world today. Weekly sessions start in September. Just Faith will only happen with enough interest from the parish.

RCIA

Rites for Christian Initiation of Adults is a faith formation process through which an interested person can become Catholic or it is for those who simply wish to explore Catholicism. The process extends over a period of months and is designed to teach people of all ages about the Catholic Church, its history, the liturgy and our faith. For more information, call Liz Gregorius at 324-1320.

What is Catholics Returning Home all about?

Those who have become inactive in the Church are given the chance to share hurts, decisions, or events that led to their leaving or drifting away, be offered apologies for the sins of those in the Church who have caused them pain, and experience new perspectives and renewed invitations to return to the Catholic community. If successful, participants find ways to move past old hurts or issues, and re-center God in their lives. If very successful, participants identify and embrace pathways that lead to their renewed communion with the Church as a whole.

Even though people become inactive in the Church for a lot of different reasons, this program is for any of these who are seeking a more honest relationship with God, and are ready to explore the Church's role in that relationship.

By some estimates, there are over 60 million US citizens claimed as members by the Catholic Church, but of these, some 18 million are inactive. This group of 18 million is bigger than any other non-Catholic active or inactive religious group in our country," say Pastor Msgr Charles Troncale. "In our families, most all of us know, or have known, the pain of family gatherings in which there are loved ones missing from the table - due to anger, shame, or whatever reason. The family is "not whole" and the events celebrated less joyful than they would be if all were there and reconciled. Having any Catholics who have decided against, or drifted from, active communion with the Church leaves all of us less whole and our worship less joyful. Face to face, we wish to tell those who have not been with us that we really miss them, that for our part and for the pain anyone in the Church has unnecessarily caused we are truly sorry, and that we long for them to be back at the Church's table."

Sessions are planned several times per year. Call (334) 277-1873 or the Church of the Holy Spirit parish office (334)-277-5631 for more info.



[RCIA for Adults Schedule](#)

RCIA for Adults meets on Sunday mornings in the new conference room across the parish library at 9:15am according to the schedule below:

Date	Session	RCIA Class Schedule for 2011-2012	Invitation Reading
Aug 14	2	What is religion?	Fr. McKenna
Aug 21	1	Welcoming Session; Introductions/Paperwork	
Aug 28	3	Existence of God; God the Father; Providence	Chapter 1
Sep 4	None	No Class-Labor Day Weekend	

Date	Session	RCIA Class Schedule for 2010-2011	Invitation Reading
Sep 11	4	Creation; Original Sin; Mystery of Iniquity	Chapter 2
Sep 18	5	The Story of the People of God	Chapter 6
Sep 25	6	Sacred Scripture & Sacred Tradition	Chapter 5
Oct 2	7	Divine Revelation	
Oct 9	8	Kingdom of God	
Oct 16	9	Salvation and Redemption	
Oct 23	10	Holy Trinity and Holy Spirit	Chapter 10
Oct 30	11	The Church & Four Marks of the Church	Chapter 11
Nov 6	12	Church History	Deacon Wadas
Nov 13	None	No Class-Veterans Day Weekend	
Nov 20	13	Angels & Saints	
Nov 21	14	Grace, Justification and Merit	
Nov 27	None	No Class -Thanksgiving Weekend—1st Sunday of Advent	
11/27 Rite of Acceptance & Welcome—more information after RCIA begins.			
Dec 4	15	Grace, Justification and Merit	Chapter 12
Dec 11	16	Blessed Virgin Mary	Chapter 22
Dec 18	17	Incarnation, Son of God	Chapter 7 & 8
Dec 25	None	Christmas Break	
Jan 1	None	New Years Holiday	
Jan 8	18	The Mass & Liturgical Year	Chapter 23
Jan 15	None	Martin Luther King Holiday	
Jan 22	19	Baptism-Father McKenna	Chapter 13
Jan 29	20	Baptism & Confirmation-Father McKenna	Chapter 13
Feb 5	21	Matrimony	Chapter 17
Feb 12	22	Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick	Chapter 15 & 16
Feb 19	None	President's Day Weekend-No Class	
2/19 Rite of Sending—more information will after RCIA begins.			
Feb 22	Ash Wednesday-Beginning of Lent		
Feb 25	Rite of Election-Call to Continuing Conversion 10AM-2PM		
Feb 26	23	Holy Orders	Chapter 18
Mar 4	24	Eucharist-Part 1	Chapter 14
Scrutinies 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent—more information after RCIA begins.			
Mar 11	25	Eucharist-Part 2 (1st Scrutiny)	Chapter 14
Mar 18	26	Temptation and Sin [2nd Scrutiny]	
Mar 25	27	Prayer (3rd Scrutiny)	
Apr 1	29	Paschal Mystery [Palm Sunday]	Chapter 9
Apr 7	Holy Saturday--Easter Vigil- more information after RCIA begins.		
Apr 8	None	No Class Easter Sunday	
Apr 15	30	Reflections on the Easter Vigil	
Apr 22	31	Ten Commandments	
Apr 29		Social Teaching of the Church	Chapter 20
May 6	32	Priesthood of the Faithful and Evangelization	Chapter 19
May 13	33	Ecumenism & Other Religions	Chapter 21
May 20		Sacramental Living & Sacramental Economy	
May 27	34	The Second Coming and the Last Four Things	Chapter 24

Parish Catechetical Resources

Parish Library

The parish library is located across from the nursery. Materials in both print and audio/visual format are continually added to the collection. The library contains adult and child books that contribute to the spiritual and religious development of the parish. Many books have been donated by parishioners. Gifts are welcome. Nameplates can be added for memorial gifts.

Books include Bibles, Bible study aides, prayer and meditational books, periodicals, audio and visual cassettes. There is also an extensive collection of cartoon videos for children on the Bible and lives of the saints.

The honor system is used when checking materials out and returning them. Simply fill out the card in the book and put it in the box marked cards. You are asked to return the material within two weeks so that they will be available to other parishioners. There is a return box located in the library. Food and drinks are not permitted in the library and children should be supervised during their stay.

Catechist Resource Materials & Supplies

Part of the Library and Thomas Hall, for middle school and high school materials, is dedicated as a catechist resource area. In this area are books, tapes and periodicals especially for catechists. Parishioners may use these items as well, but catechists take priority for their use.

Materials and supplies for catechists are located in the Office of Faith Formation. Just about anything a catechist needs, such as paper, glue, beads, ribbon, etc. can be found at the office.

Directions to Catholic Middle School

From Church of the Holy Spirit:

From the church parking lot, turn left onto Vaughn Road. Travel west on Vaughn Road approximately 3.7 miles. Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is on the left at 5350 Vaughn Road. The middle school is located behind the high school.

From North of Montgomery (Birmingham):

Take I-65 South, turn on to I-85 North (toward Atlanta)
Continue on I-85 for approximately nine miles, get off at exit 9 (Taylor Road). Turn right (south) on to Taylor Road. At the intersection of Taylor Road and Vaughn Road, turn right on to Vaughn Road. Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is located at 5350 Vaughn Road. Catholic Middle School is located behind the High School.

From South of Montgomery (Mobile) :

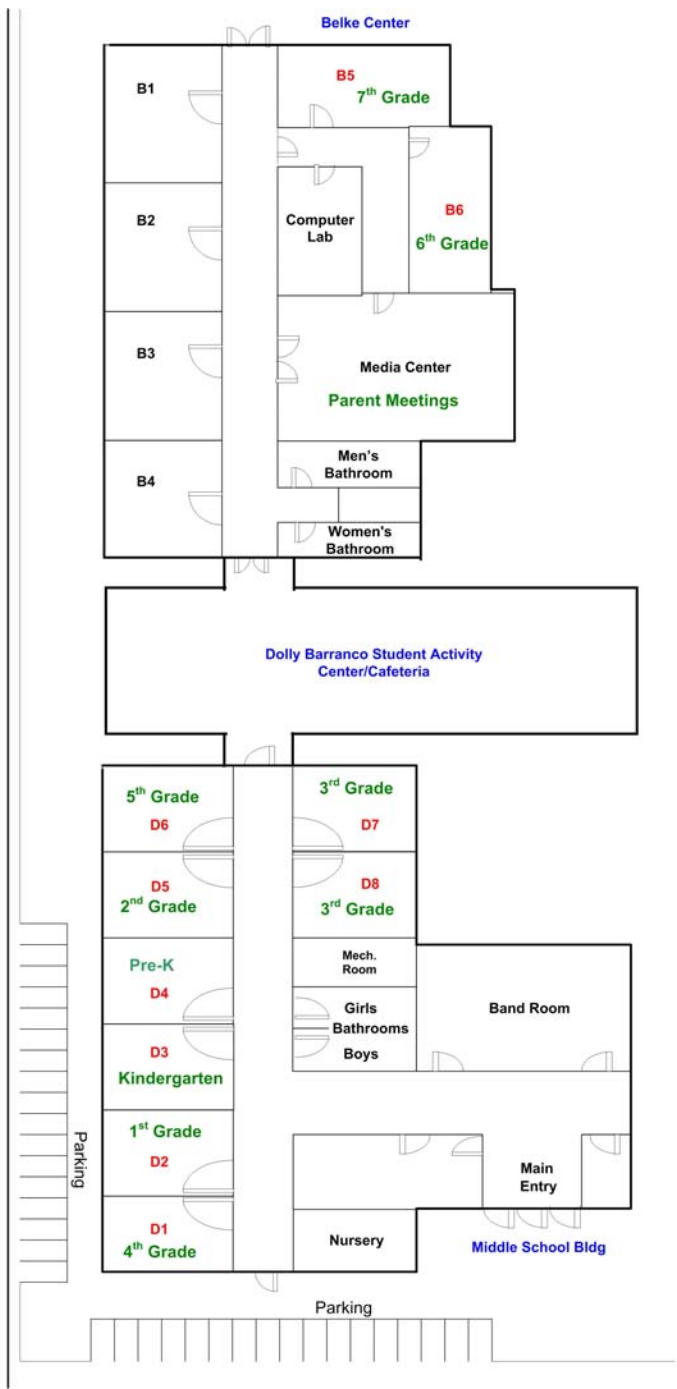
Take I-65 North, turn on I-85 North (toward Atlanta)
Follow directions above

From East of Montgomery (Atlanta) :

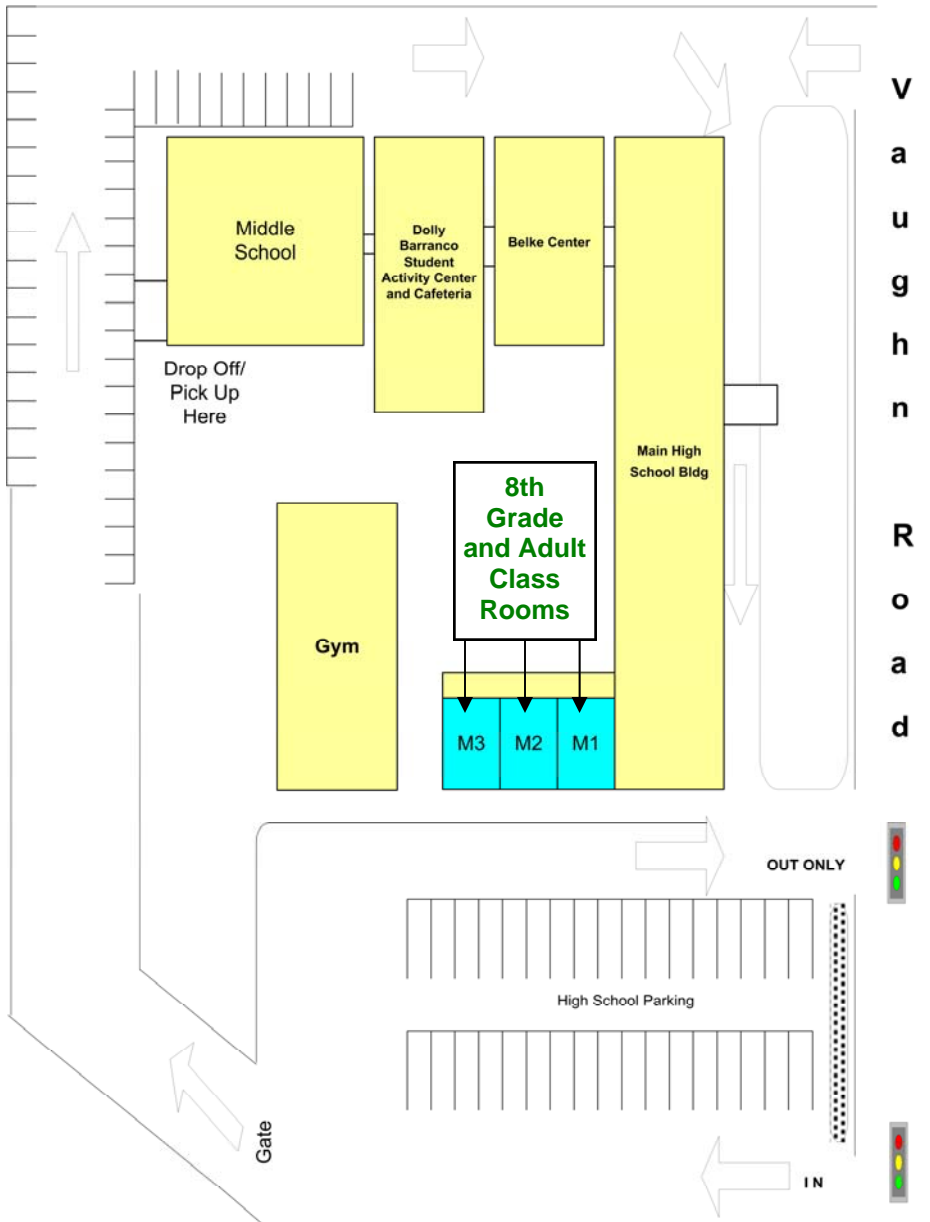
Take I-85 South toward Montgomery
Take exit 9, turn left (south) on to Taylor Road
Follow directions above

Sunday Morning Faith Formation Maps

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory *Middle School* Campus Layout



*MCPS Campus Layout
With 8th Grade & Adult Classrooms Highlighted*



Field Trip - Parental/ Guardian Release Form

I _____ give my child, _____
Permission to participate in this parish youth ministry event that requires transportation to a location away from the parish site. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of parish employees and/or volunteers from Church of the Holy Spirit.

Type of Event: _____ **Cost:** _____

Destination: _____

Individuals in Charge: _____

Time of departure: _____ **Time of return (estimate):** _____

Mode of transportation: _____

I agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and personal representatives, to hold harmless and defend Church of the Holy Spirit, Archdiocese of Mobile, its officers, directors, agents, employees, or representatives associated with this field trip from any and all liability claims, loss or damage arising from or in connection with my child's participation in this field trip. In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency treatment, administration of anesthesia, surgical treatment(s) for my minor son/ daughter. In the event of an emergency situation occurring during my absence or when the hospital is unable to contact me. This authorization extends to any hospital, physician(s) and nursing personnel within the physician's staff.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (PRINT) _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home # _____ Emergency # _____

Hospital Insurance: Yes/ No Policy # _____

Insurance Co _____

Pertinent Information: _____

Allergies: _____

If I am unable to be reached at the time of the emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **ZIP** _____

Emergency Phone: _____

(Also available at www.holy-spirit-church.com.
Youth Ministry links)

Schedule of Faith Formation Events

Sunday, August 7 th	9:25 - 10:35am	Open House
Sunday, August 14 th	9:25 - 10:35am	Classes Begins
Saturday, Sept 10 th	9:00am - 3:30pm	Montgomery Deanery Catechist Celebration Day St. Bede's, Montgomery
Sat/Sun, Sept 17 th & 18 th	All Masses	Catechist Commissioning
Sunday, Nov. 6 th		Gift Gathering – Advent
Sunday, Feb 12 th		Gift Gathering – Lent
Date to be determined at a later time.	Mornings, Lunch, Evenings	Parish Mission
Sunday, April 29 th		Last Class Day
Sunday, May 6	11:00 Mass	First Communion
June 4-12, 2012		VBS-Vacation Bible School



Faith Formation Common Sunday Schedule

Classes begin Sunday, August 14th & end on Sunday, April 29th

2011		
August 7, 2011		FF Open House at MCPS
August 14, 2011		Sunday Class #1
August 21, 2011		Sunday Class #2
August 28, 2011		Sunday Class #3
September 4, 2011		No Class - Labor Day Weekend
September 11, 2011		Sunday Class #4
September 18, 2011		Sunday Class #5
September 25, 2011		Sunday Class #6
October 2, 2011		Sunday Class #7
October 9, 2011		Sunday Class #8
October 16, 2011		Sunday Class #9
October 23, 2011		Sunday Class #10
October 30, 2011		Sunday Class #11
November 6, 2011		Sunday Class #12
November 13, 2011		No Class - Veterans Day Weekend
November 20, 2011		Sunday Class #13
November 27, 2011	Advent	No Class - Thanksgiving Day Weekend
December 4, 2011		Sunday Class #14
December 11, 2011		Sunday Class #15
December 18, 2011		Sunday Class #16
December 25, 2011		No Class - Christmas Break
2012		
January 1, 2012		No Class - New Years Break
January 8, 2012		Sunday Class #17
January 15, 2012		No Class - Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday Weekend
January 22, 2012		Sunday Class #18
January 29, 2012		Sunday Class #19
February 5, 2012		Sunday Class #20
February 12, 2012		Sunday Class #21
February 19, 2012		No Class - Presidents Day Weekend
February 26, 2012	Lent	Sunday Class #22
March 4, 2012		Sunday Class #23
March 11, 2012		Sunday Class #24
March 18, 2012		Sunday Class #25
March 25, 2012		No Class - Spring Break (All Schools)
April 1, 2012		Sunday Class #26
April 8, 2012		No Class - Easter
April 15, 2012		Sunday Class #27
April 22, 2012		Sunday Class #28
April 29, 2012		Sunday Class #29-Last Class Day
May 6, 2012		First Communion

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