

# *Hastings CCD News*

**August 2022**

**Classes begin Wednesday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael School.** Registration ONLY will be **August 17 at 6:30-7:15 p.m.** in the gym of St. Michael's School. Fees are \$40.00 per student or a family max of \$100 for 3 or more students. Please bring exact change or make your check payable to **Hastings CCD Program.** New students or kindergartners, please call Caryn Scott 308-391-0579 to pre-register.

## **Registration Forms**

Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to:

Caryn Scott  
1165 W Oak Ridge Rd  
Hastings NE 68901

Or email: [hastingsccd@gmail.com](mailto:hastingsccd@gmail.com) to receive a link to register online.

## **Need Parent Volunteers!!**

We have special people volunteer their time and talents to work with the children! Thank you, all teachers! We need parent volunteers to help supervise hallways and the gym. We also need teachers and substitutes!

We, the CCD Staff, will assist you in teaching your children the Faith that Christ gave to His Catholic Church. You, the primary educators of your children in the practice of the Catholic Faith, are essential to their understanding, practice, and growth in the Faith. This is a duty parents carry out by both word and example. With regard to the practice of our Catholic Faith, example has tremendous power to inspire good, or to permit evil. Your children will take their lead from you: the practice of Faith will be as important to them as it is to you.

This CCD Program can never substitute for the instruction and good example of parents. Nor does it take away the parent's responsibility which you accepted when you presented your infant children for baptism. Be assured that God will always give you the grace needed to fulfill this duty of training your children in the practice of the Catholic Faith. Your interest, support, and participation with the efforts of the CCD Program will influence the attitude of your children in the classroom.

## First Communion

The second grade classes will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) on **Sunday, February 5** and will make their First Holy Communion on the weekend of **April 15 and 16**. Baptismal Certificates are required before the sacraments are received. Please bring an original certificate to the office for a copy for our records. You may take the original back home with you at that time. If you do not have the original certificate, you may call the parish where the child was baptized for an official certificate.

A parent meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 26th** at 7:00 p.m. in St. Michael Church regarding First Penance and First Holy Communion.

This is a very important year for your child. Please see that he/she attends classes faithfully. You are the first and foremost teacher of your child's religious education. Your example of faithfully attending Sunday Mass and frequent confession are very important to your child's religious formation.

## Parish Registration



If you are not registered in St. Michael's or St. Cecilia's parishes, please call the Parish Offices; St. Michael's 402-463-1023, or St. Cecilia's 402-463-1336. You must be registered in the church to have your children receive the sacraments.

## Confirmation

Students in the fifth grade and older who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation will receive the sacrament this year. Confirmation will be **Sunday, March 12**. There will be a lot to cover in a short amount of time!

Confirmation students are required to complete ten hours of community service. Baby-sitting for younger brothers and sisters does not qualify as community service. Catholic Social Services may have a project they are working on that will fulfill these duties.

An important informational meeting will be held for parents of the confirmand on **Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in St. Michael Church regarding Confirmation. You will receive a folder with your child's name on it at the meeting. The folder will contain important forms to complete and return.

Your child will get to choose a sponsor for Confirmation. He/she must be at least 16 years old and must be a practicing Catholic. A form letter is included in the folder **to be completed by the sponsor's parish priest** and returned to the school.

Your student will also get to choose a saint to be recognized by the Bishop during the Sacrament of Confirmation. This saint is to be researched by your child so he/she will be able to call upon this saint for help and guidance throughout life.

## **Attendance**

Regular attendance is vitally important. Attendance is kept to verify completion of grade levels for promotion and reception of sacraments. Students are required to have 2 consecutive years of religious education before receiving his/her sacrament. If a student has 3 unexcused absences from class, the reception of these Sacraments may be delayed.

## **Schedules**

A schedule for the 2022-2023 school year is enclosed. These dates are subject to change, so please read the notes sent home with your students during the school year or complete your email address on the registration form for reminders via email.

## **Confessions**

Throughout the year we will have confessions at 6:30 pm. Please note on the schedule when your child is to come early **to the church for confessions**. It would be very helpful if you would practice the rite of confession with your child before they go. Parents are always welcome to attend!

## **Devotionals**

*Students and their families* will have the opportunity to learn and participate in Devotionals. Please note on the schedule when we will have Rosary, Benediction, and Stations of the Cross. We will conclude each week with a Devotional before the 8:15 dismissal. **Parents are always welcome!!**

## **Behavior Expectations**

- HCS shares the facilities with the CCD program, please be respectful of their student belongings!
- No running in the hallways or gym.
- No talking when the teacher is talking.
- No throwing of anything.
- Leave the materials inside the desks alone. We supply books, paper, pencils, crayons, scissors, glue, etc.
- No writing on the desks or other student's work.
- Do not bring food. There are food allergies within the building and we want it safe for everyone.
- A parent will be contacted if a student's behavior is disruptive. It is the parents' responsibility to reinforce appropriate behavior. If the disruptive behavior persists, the student will NOT be allowed in class unless accompanied by a parent.

## **Entrance/Dismissal**

In order to provide the safest scenario for the students, **PLEASE** enter the building through the **west gym doors**.

Please enter the parking lot via the east driveway and exit via the west driveway. Drop your students off at the west gym doors. **Please Do Not Stop In Or Block the Driveway**. Children will be dismissed through the gym doors at 8:15. The lighting is much better by the gym. We ask that students not run around and stand patiently to wait for their ride. It is dark most of the year and we don't want any accidents.