

ATTENDANCE POLICY

PLEASE NOTE: NEW POLICY!

We will decide, independently of any school district, whether classes will be canceled due to weather, power outage, or any other safety issue. If class is being canceled, families will be notified **at least** two hours before the start of class. It will not be necessary to call the office. Information will also be available on our website.

GRADES 1 - 8

As stated earlier, it is important that students arrive, and are picked up, on time. It is also important to have as few absences as possible. Repeated absences will be addressed, including the possibility of delaying the celebration of a sacrament if it is decided that a child is unprepared.

Please make every effort to have your child attend class, with as few absences as possible. But, in consideration of all involved in Discipleship Formation, if your child is ill, please keep them at home.

Early dismissals –Please go to Parish Office

- Know that Early Dismissals can be disruptive. Please limit them.
- A drivers license, or photo ID must be shown for early dismissal at the Parish Office.



Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Together, we can make this a great year in your child's faith growth!

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Discipleship Formation Handbook St. Isidore Catholic Community

Parish Office

Phone: 586/286-1700

Webpage

stisidore.church/discipleship-formation/

Rev. Ronald Victor, Priest in Solidum

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WELCOME!

St. Isidore welcomes your family to our Discipleship Formation program. This handbook provides you with helpful information about our program.

We are available to help with any concerns.

Please read through it carefully and keep it handy.

Discipleship Formation is a team effort!

Parents/Guardians are asked to spend time at home discussing and sharing the weekly lessons. When your child attends class at church, adults are sometimes asked to stay for gospel time at the beginning of class.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to help their children grow in their faith by attending weekly Mass. There they will grow in their knowledge of Jesus through hearing the Gospel reading and discussing it at home. There, they will also learn the prayers and responses prayed at Mass, reinforcing what they learn in class. Last, but not least, Mass participation provides an opportunity to build connections with their "Church Family," allowing students to become comfortable in a church setting.



At St. Isidore, our volunteer catechists and staff work hard to share their faith and time with your children in a comfortable, caring class setting. With your help, we can provide excellent formation in the faith for our participants.

*Please know that in order to ensure the safety of the children, no one is allowed in a classroom unless they have the approval of the Discipleship Formation Staff.

PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- The Archdiocese of Detroit expects each student to have 30 hours of faith formation each year.

**Please arrive on time for drop off and pick up.
4:30 to 5:45p or 6:15 to 7:30p**

- Parents should discuss the need for respecting the property of others, including personal property and public and sacred places, like our church, with their children. Any deliberate acts of vandalism will require parents to be called and possible monetary reparations.
- Parents will be expected to attend special meetings/ classes for children during the year. Dates will be given in advance, please mark your calendar.

Parents please ensure that your child uses the bathroom before the start of class.
Bathroom breaks during class are for emergencies.

- Parking is permitted in either lot unless notified

DRESS CODE

Appropriate dress is required.

- If it is not permitted at school, it is not permitted at the church.
- **Please note: For safety, no flip flops, sandals or open toed shoes.**

SAFETY

Safety is very important to us. ***This policy applies to all grades 1 - 8.***

Drop Off Parents are to ensure that each child meets their teacher for prayer time in the church at the beginning of class.

Pick Up In the gathering space. Children will be held in the building until the parent comes to the catechist.

****No child will ever be allowed to leave the building without an adult.***

DISCIPLINE

Jesus tells us to love others as we love ourselves. Respecting personal space, and treating all people with kindness is expected.

- *No teasing, bullying or unkind words or actions are allowed. Should an action warrant discipline: The child will be removed from class and directed to the Coordinators. They will determine the action to be taken. Parents may be called at any time.*
- All cell phones and electronic devices should remain at home. We have phones in case of an emergency. Any devices collected will be held in the office, until the end of class.

COMMUNICATION

Textbooks and folders should be brought to class each day

- The webpage <https://stisidore.church/discipleship-formation> and the classroom folder, given to each child at the beginning of the program year, should be checked, by parents, on a regular basis for important handouts, newsletters, assignments, and projects.
- If a child is absent or removed from class for any reason, families are encouraged to cover all information at home and complete any written work before the child returns to class.
- All completed work can be given to your child's catechist.

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