



Coming to know, love and serve Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, is a lifelong journey. The Community of St. Irene is committed to partnering with our families to develop close, personal relationships with Jesus to experience all the peace and joy that God has planned for us. We will enter into a covenant, a special bond between two parties. Together we can share the beauty and richness of our Catholic faith and traditions, encountering God in all things at all times. Our goal is to make intentional disciples of all the faithful so we can change the world through our living example.

Our family model of religious formation focuses on encountering God in His living Word, developing an active prayer life, receiving Jesus fully present in the Eucharist at Mass, responding to God's call to serve His people and embracing the teachings of our Lord, Jesus.

Throughout the year we provide Family Take Home lessons, classroom instruction, Family Events and Family service opportunities. We come together to praise and worship God at the Holy sacrifice of the Mass. We find the purpose for which we were created and seek God's direction to fulfill our mission.

Our commitment to you is to provide TRUTH, love and the joy of the Gospel in all we do. We are intentional disciples who strive to lead and teach by our example reflecting our great love for and trust in Jesus.

We ask our Parents to:

- Fulfill the promise you made at the Baptism of your child to be their first and best teacher of the Catholic faith. Proverbs 22:6 "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."
- Model an active faith life through prayer, service and participation in the Sacraments, especially Sunday Mass.
- Teach your child(ren) to pray, serve others and love God with their whole mind, heart, soul and strength.
- Develop character and virtue in your child(ren) so they will become the person God created them to be.
- Make faith formation a priority in your family's schedule and routine. Actively participate in the weekly Gospel lesson, Family Take Home lessons and service projects.
- Become an active member of the Community of St. Irene, sharing your many gifts and talents to bring forth the Kingdom of God.

We ask our Children to:

- Allow the Holy Spirit, which came upon you at Baptism, to open your mind, heart, eyes and ears to the presence of God within you.
- Welcome Jesus, your best friend, into your heart so you can become the wonderful person God created you to be.
- Treat everyone as Jesus would with kindness, respect, peace and love.
- Prepare for class by praying and completing weekly at home activities. Share what you have learned with your classmates, teachers and family.
- Be a light for your family leading them in faith for we read in the Book of Isaiah 11:6 "For a little child will lead them."

Family Signatures: _____