

## **Christian Formation General Policy Information – 2011/12**

1. Regular class attendance and participation at Mass is important for children to understand their Catholic faith. Please make both a priority.
2. Be sure to pick up a copy of the schedule so you can plan accordingly. Schedules will be posted on the bulletin board in the Social Hall and on our parish website – [www.stmarysuffolk.org](http://www.stmarysuffolk.org). Classes begin on Sunday, September 18 and end on May 13, 2012.
3. Class times: 9:30 to 10:30/40 AM. Now through November 20 song and prayer practice is taking place in church 10 to 15 minutes prior to Mass to prepare for the Third Edition of the Roman Missal. Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be released at 10:30 AM before November 20 and at 10:40 AM after November 20. 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be released at 10:40 AM now through the end of the year.
4. Class locations: Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade – classrooms above the Social Hall. 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade – classrooms above the parish offices.
5. All classes will begin with group prayer. Prayer will begin in the Social Hall at 9:30 AM for Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Bring your child a few minutes early and have them sit at their designated table. Catechists will escort the children to their classrooms at the end of prayer and back to their table at the end of class where they can be signed out by a parent/guardian or an authorized adult. 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the downstairs of the office building.
6. Have your child use the bathroom facilities before Mass.
7. Volunteers that are Virtus trained and background checked will be used as hall monitors in the lower grade classroom hallway during class time.
8. Grades 9 through 12 will not have class on days that a Confirmation session is scheduled. There are four Youth Ministry nights scheduled during the year (please refer to the calendar). Grades 9 through 12 will meet for formation in the Social Hall from 6:30 to 8 PM (no morning session) on these dates.