

## ST. VIATOR'S CHURCH 2015-2016 CATECHISM SCHEDULE FOR GRADES 1-7

This is the St. Viator's Parish 2015-2016 catechism schedule for Grades 1-7. All catechism sessions will run on Sundays, as per the dates below from 10:00am to 12:30pm.

DATE	MINISTRIES
Sunday Sept 20, 2015 Welcome Back BBQ/Brunch	Altar Serving - grades 3-4 Greeters - grade 1-2 Collection - grade 1-2 Offertory Gifts - grades 1-2 ( <i>bring something that represents what you are thankful for</i> )
Sunday Oct 4, 2015	Altar Serving - grades 5-7 Greeters - grade 3-4 Collection - grade 3-4 Offertory Gifts - grades 3-4 ( <i>bring something that represents what you are thankful for</i> )
Sunday Oct 18, 2015	Altar Serving - grades 3/4 Greeters - grade 5-7 Collection - grade 5-7 Offertory Gifts - grades 5-7 ( <i>bring something that represents what you are thankful for</i> )
Sunday Nov 1, 2015 All Souls	Altar Serving - grades 5-7 Greeters - grade 1-2 Collection - grade 1-2 Offertory Gifts - Grades 1-4 ( <i>bring a picture of a loved one that has passed away, as it is the month we pray for the dead.</i> )
Sunday Nov 15, 2015	Altar Serving - grades $\frac{3}{4}$ Greeters - grade 3-4 Collection - grade 3-4 Offertory Gifts - grades 5-7 ( <i>bring a picture of a loved one that has passed away, as it is the month we pray for the dead.</i> )
Saturday Nov 28, 2015* - <i>Advent and First Reconciliation Retreat All catechism students are required to attend with their parent(s) All catechism students from grades 2-7 who have not had their first confession are required to attend with their parent(s)</i>	
Sunday Nov 29, 2015 - <i>First Sunday in Advent</i>	Altar Serving - grades 5-7 Greeters - grade 5-7 Collection - grade 5-7 Offertory Gifts - grades 5-7 ( <i>bring an item for the Adopt a Family program</i> )

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<p>Sunday Dec 13, 2015 - <i>Third Sunday in Advent</i></p>	<p>Altar Serving - grades 3/4  Greeters - Grade 1-2  Collection - Grade 1-2  Offertory Gifts - grades 1-4 (<i>bring an item for the Adopt a Family program</i>)</p>
<p>Thursday Dec. 17, 2015 <i>Parish Advent Reconciliation</i></p>	
<p>Sunday Jan 10, 2016 - <i>Last day of Christmas</i></p>	<p>Altar Serving - grades 5-7  Greeters - grade 3-4  Collection - grade 3-4  Offertory Gifts - grade 1-4 (<i>bring an item for food bank, as they are in most need at this time</i>)</p>
<p>Sunday Jan 24, 2016</p>	<p>Altar Serving - grades 3-4  Greeters - grade 5-7  Collection - grade 5-7  Offertory Gifts - grade 5-7 (<i>bring an item for food bank, as they are in most need at this time</i>)</p>
<p>Sunday Feb 7, 2016</p>	<p>Altar Serving - grades 5-7  Greeters - grade 1-2  Collection - grade 1-2  Offertory Gifts - grades 1-2 (<i>bring a Valentine for Jesus</i>)</p>
<p>Sunday Feb 21, 2016 - <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i></p>	<p>Altar Serving - grades 3-4  Greeters - grade 3-4  Collection - grade 3-4  Offertory Gifts - grades 1-4 (<i>bring an item that represents what you will be given up for Lent</i>)</p>
<p>Saturday March 5, 2016* <i>Lent Reconciliation Retreat</i> <i>All catechism students are required to attend with their parent(s)</i></p>	
<p>Sunday March 6, 2016 - <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i></p>	<p>Altar Serving - grades 5-7  Greeters - grade 5-7  Collection - grade 5-7  Offertory Gifts - grades 5-7 (<i>bring an item that represents what you will be given up for Lent</i>)</p>
<p>Thursday, March 17, 2016 <i>Parish Lent Reconciliation</i></p>	
<p>Sunday March 20, 2015 - <i>Palm Sunday</i></p>	<p>Altar Serving - grades 3-4  Greeters - grade 1-2  Collection - grade 1-2  Offertory Gifts - no offertory gifts. <i>All grades will be part of the Palm Sunday procession</i></p>

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Sunday April 3, 2015 - <i>Feast of Divine Mercy</i>	Altar Serving - grades 5-7 Greeters - grade 3-4 Collection - grade 3-4 Offertory Gifts - no offertory gifts. <i>All grades will be part of the Divine Mercy procession with Image.</i>
Sunday April 17, 2016	Altar Serving - grades 5-7 Greeters - grade 5-7 Collection - grade 5-7 Offertory Gifts - all grades ( <i>offering of Divine Mercy Image "I Trust in You"</i> )
Sunday April 24 SNOW OUT DATE	SNOW OUT DATE
Sunday May 1, 2016	Altar Serving - grades $\frac{3}{4}$ Greeters - grade 1-2 Collection - grade 1-2 Offertory Gifts - grades 1-4 ( <i>bring an item, such as a baby doll, that represents pro-life</i> )
Sunday May 15, 2016	Altar Serving - grades 5-7 Greeters - grade 3-4 Collection - grade 3-4 Offertory Gifts - all grades ( <i>bring a rose/flower to give to our Mary Mother, as it is the month of the Mary</i> )
Saturday May 28, 2016* <i>First Communion Retreat</i> <i>All First Communicants are required to attend</i>	
Sunday May 29, 2016 <i>Solemnity of Corpus Christi</i> <i>First Communion Sunday</i> <i>Last day of Catechism</i>	Altar Serving - grades 3-4 Greeters - grade 5-7 Collection - grade 5-7 Offertory Gifts - First Communion Children

**Catechism Children Ministry Participation:**

Choir – catechism students will have first row with the choir – all catechism children are invited to join.

Altar servers – any children who have made their First Communion will be encouraged to serve with Fr. John.

Greeters – will begin at 11am. Duties include opening doors before Mass and handing out bulletin at the end of Mass.

Collection – children will be guided by experienced collection people to show them what to do.

Offertory – children will make and/or bring gifts of their own according to the month and schedule. They will bring them up to the altar with the offertory. Parents are asked to help their child in this task.

Sunday April 24 will be used for SNOW OUT DATES

**\*Please note the following dates:**

Saturday November 28 will be the advent reconciliation retreat for all catechism students and their parents(s) and the retreat for those students making their first reconciliation. Both retreats are from 10-1. All catechism students and their parents(s) who have not had their first reconciliation are expected to attend along with their parents(s). Lunch will be provided.

There will be priests available to hear confessions during this retreat.

Saturday March 5 will be the lent reconciliation retreat for all catechism students and their parents(s) from 10-1. All catechism students and their parents (s) are required to attend.

There will be priests available to hear confessions during this retreat.

April 24 will be snow a out date. If we have to cancel a catechism session due to a winter storm, that class(es) will be moved to this date.

Saturday May 28th is the First Communion retreat from 10-1. All First Communicants are required to attend. Lunch will be made by children. Each child will be in charge of bringing an item to contribute to their lunch. Juices/beverages will be provided. Further details will be given closer to the date.