

Goals for this year

- To learn our Catholic faith by attending class every week
- To follow Jesus by serving the parish and community
- To develop a meaningful prayer life
- To equip ourselves to answer questions of faith
- To live a life with Christian values

Parent Catechesis (Grades 1-6)

Parent Catechesis is a way to help parents grow more in their own faith, as well as a way to take that growth home with them to their families! Parents will again be asked to participate in Parent Catechesis for the 25-26 school year.

However, things will look a bit different this year! In the past we have used a paper passport for you to keep track of participation at events, including in-person classes on Wednesday evenings. In place of the parent classes on Wednesday evenings, we will instead be sharing with you a monthly recording of our 4 priests discussing different topics that were requested by parents in our parishes. These videos will be shared with parents via OneCall and give you a bit more freedom to decide when to complete them each month. Once finished watching the videos, you will simply comment "Done" rather than marking a paper passport. You can also use the comment section as a way to ask any questions for the priests to address in the future. We will provide a little more info when the first recording is released in October!

Confession/Adoration

Each CCD program will have **Confession and Adoration** twice throughout the year during their normal class time. The priests and students have enjoyed getting to know each other, therefore, priests will continue to stop by classrooms this school year to say hello and answer any questions the students may have!

We highly encourage parents to bring their children to Confession and Adoration outside of class time when possible.

"Make frequent visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the devil will be powerless against you." - Saint John Bosco

MHC Catechists

1st: Jayme Brockman & Caley Thien
2nd: Sarah Kahlig & Kelsey Gelhaus
3rd: Julie Schlater & Sam Knapke
4th: Tammy Huntsman & Heather Wenning & Diane Roessner
5th: Wes Kahlig & _____
6th: Deb Martin & Kim Wendel
7th: Mark Roessner & _____
8th: Jeff Fortkamp & Natalie Ashbaugh
9th: Bob Heitkamp
10th: Michelle Evers & Elle Dues
11th: Danial Maltsbarger
12th: _____

Child Protection

All of our catechists are required to do a background check, fingerprints, as well as complete quarterly Safe Parish certifications.

Mary Help of Christians

CCD Parent Handbook 2025-2026

Cluster Office Address:

403 Sharpsburg Road
Fort Recovery, OH 45846

Class Times: Wednesdays

Grades 1-6: 6:00pm - 7:15pm

Grades 7-12: 7:30pm - 8:45pm

Preschool/Kindergarten CCD

1st & 3rd Sundays

(October thru April)

In the undercroft

during 9:00am Mass

PS/KG Coordinator/CRE:

Harlie Metzger

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Pick up/Drop off

Early Session: Drop off students at the east entrance (by the elevator and Undercroft). When picking up children grades 1-6 at 7:15, please park on the South side of the Church near the main entrance. Parents or guardians must walk up to the sidewalk to find your children and walk them back to the vehicle.

Late Session: When dropping off students grades 7-12 at 7:30, please use the entrance on the East side of the church (by the elevator and Undercroft). This will allow for students to enter the building on the East side while students are exiting on the South side.

PreK/Kindergarten

Children of Preschool or Kindergarten age (3+ and potty trained) are invited to attend classes held in the preschool rooms in the Undercroft during the 9:00am Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, October thru April. You can drop your child(ren) off in the Undercroft before Mass and pick them back up when it ends.

Admission Policy

No student will be discriminated against due to his/her race, sex, national origin, or special needs. Persons with special needs will be provided opportunities to participate in school and/or parish religious education programs to the fullest extent appropriate.

Non-custodial Parent Rights— the Cluster office needs to be informed by the custodial parent of the rights of the non-custodial parent.

Registration & Fees

Registration takes place in April every year. Forms will be sent home with previous registered members or they can be picked up in the back of any Cluster Church for new members. The cost of CCD is \$50/child (pre-k), \$65/child (1-12), or a family maximum of \$200.

Curriculum

Our curriculum is a compilation of texts and formed.org series. Our programs in grades 1-12 are aligned with the Archdiocese's Graded Course of Study.

PS/KG – activities centered around the Sunday Readings

1st - 8th grade – Sophia Institute: Spirit of Truth

9th Grade – Formed: YDisciple: Creed (1-6), Bible Basics for Catholics, New Testament Basics for Catholics, New Catholic Answers Bible, Chosen (1-12)

10th Grade – Formed: YDisciple: Confirmation (1-5), Chosen (13-24), Formed: YDisciple: Creed (7-9), Formed: YDisciple: Sacraments (1-5)

11th Grade – Formed: *Who Am I to Judge* (1-8), *YOU: Life, Love and Theology of Body*

12th Grade – Formed: Called (1-5), World Religions, Catholic Social Teaching, A Guide to the Passion

Attendance

All students are expected to attend each class. Parents have the responsibility to send their children. **If a child is ill or cannot attend, please inform your child's teacher.**

Sacramental Prep

The sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are celebrated for the first time with students in the 2nd grade.

The sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated with students in the 10th grade who have attended the mandatory retreat.

Discipline

Necessary steps and reasonable precautions are taken to safeguard students, equipment, materials and facilities. Teachers will establish and maintain open lines of communication with the students and parents regarding behavior.

One Call Now & Cancellations

When school is canceled due to weather, religious education classes will not be held that evening. **Parents will be informed of cancellations of CCD via One Call Now no later than 4:30pm on Wednesday evening.** This will be a text message or phone call based on your preference. To opt in for texts: text the word 'Alert' to the number 22300. You can also check our Cluster Facebook page: Holy Cross Family of Parishes.