

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 off on a paper passport. You can also use the comment section as a way to ask any questions that the priests can address in the future. We will provide a little more info when the first recording is released in October!

Mass/Confession

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

St. Paul Catechists

1st: Kelsey Fortkamp
2nd: Marilyn Fortkamp
3rd: Kate Evers
4th: Marcia Weigel
5th: Katie Will
6th: Chrissy Hart
7th: Jackie Evers
8th: Theresa Siefring
9th: Aidan O'Dell
10th: Joe Knapke
11th: Hannah Bihn
12th: Greg LeFevre

Child Protection

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

St. Paul

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 St. Paul's hall basement
during 11:00am Mass

PS/KG Coordinator/CRE:
Harlie Metzger
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419-375-4153

Pick up/Drop off

Students are to enter the main doors of the CCD hall upon arrival. **Remind students not to remain on the grass or blacktop before class.** After the first session, Grade 1-6 students need to wait patiently for parents to pick them up and not run out into the parking lot. During the dark winter nights, parents can pick up their children by waiting in line by the cafeteria door on the south side of the building or by parking and walking up to get them through the main doors.

PreK/Kindergarten

Children of Preschool or Kindergarten age (3+ and potty trained) are invited to attend classes held in the preschool room in the basement of the hall during the 11:00am Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, October thru April. You can drop your child(ren) off in the hall basement before Mass and pick them back up when Mass is over.

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 Faith Formation 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 Answer 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.