

## 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 Videos

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!

We will again be sharing with parents a monthly recording of our parish priests discussing different topics that were requested by parents in our parishes. Our first recording will be released in October! These videos will be shared to our YouTube page and links will be sent to parents via OneCall. Once finished watching the videos, you will simply comment "Done." Feel free to use the comment section to ask any questions for the priests to address in the future.

## Child Protection

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

## 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 & Ethan Evers

**PS/KG:** Jenna Tobe

# St. Paul

## CCD Parent Handbook 2026-2027

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 & Liturgical Seasons

**1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade** – Sophia Institute: Spirit of Truth

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Formed: YDisciple: Creed (1-6), Bible Basics for Catholics, New Testament Basics for Catholics, New Catholic Answer Bible, Chosen (1-12)

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

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

**12<sup>th</sup> 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. Our full discipline policy is posted on the parish website.

## 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.