

Children's Formation Programs and Sacrament Preparation

Preschool
Kindergarten
Grades 1-5
Grades 6 & 7

PRESCHOOL/KDG. CLASSES start Sunday, October 3, 2010.

GR. 1-5 CLASSES start Monday, October 4, 2010.

GR. 6/7 CLASS orientation is Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010. Classes begin October 3, 2010.

Also available at www.stdanielclarkston.org

Attention, Catholic School students: *Is your child in 2nd grade? 9th grade? Please mark sacramental preparation on the enclosed registration form for Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation in the parish!* Sacraments are prepared for and celebrated in the Parish, not at the school!!

Liturgy of the Word for Children: At Masses - Children ages 6-10 are invited at the start of Mass to go with a lay presider to their own interactive Liturgy of the Word and return to the assembly after the homily. Offered at 5:00 p.m. Sat. and on Sun. at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. **No registration needed:** children join the group at the Mass. (Prayer leaders needed, to volunteer call 625-1750, [Betty Haran!](#))

Circle of Grace – A safe environment program (approved by the National Conference of Bishops) incorporated into the Faith Formation program for grades K-7 (including Home Catechesis & F.I.R.E.). The goal is to help children/youth understand the sacredness of who they are and how to seek help when needed through their relationship with trusted adults. Resources available in the Faith Formation Office for parent review.

Class Registration & Sacrament Program Information

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN: During Masses - for 3-5 year olds on Sunday mornings during 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Mass, October through early May. *Registration required.* Catechists needed; please note on registration form if you can help.

GRADES 1-5:

Weekly classes for grades 1-5: 1-hr 15-min. classes Monday or Tuesday at 4:30-5:45 or 6:15-7:30 p.m., or Wednesday at 5:00-6:15 p.m. Choose **one** time slot! First grade classes are also offered on Sunday mornings during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. See also *Family Clusters* and *Home Catechesis* below for alternate programs.

GRADES 6-7:

(Grade 6 & new 7th graders - Orientation Meeting -for parents + students: Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Weingartz Room.) Two 7-week modules; classes are Sundays from 12:15-2:10 p.m.; other weekday class times may be available depending upon availability of teachers. Watch for a special Gr. 6/7 mailing in August with details on requirements and activities. *Students need to complete a [2010-11 Medical Release Form](#) and return it to the Faith Formation Office.*

HOME CATECHESIS – Busy Schedule? Enjoy faith study in your own home!

An alternative to weekly after-school classes for families with students in Gr. 1-6.

Orientation for ALL INTERESTED families, Sunday, September 19th, 10:15-11:00 a.m. in the Weingartz Room. *Materials:* Faith First Family Program includes faith learning and enjoyable family projects, combined with monthly meetings of parents and children at the parish, liturgical season activities and service projects. Call Betty Rabaut, 248-634-7915.

MORE PROGRAMS ON BACK 



FAMILY CLUSTERS – Weeknights too busy for weekly classes? Want to really get to know other St. Daniel families? Check out the F.I.R.E. Program! (Family-Centered Intergenerational Religious Education)

The F.I.R.E. Program is designed for the entire family as an alternative to the weekly Faith Formation Program. Four to six families meet as a cluster group in each others’ home on Sundays 16-times during the school year. You’ll have a lesson designed for all ages, food, fun, and conversation. Your cluster group will work on one St. Daniel Activity during the year, and your participation in many St. Daniel events is encouraged. This is a great way to get involved at St. Daniel’s.

Look for *Family Clusters-F.I.R.E.* on the registration form. We will match your family with families that have children with similar ages, and your individual cluster group will decide the times and dates of your meetings. For more information contact Mary McCallum, 248-922-1657 or come to the **INFORMATION MEETING on Sunday, September 19th at 10:15 a.m. in the Library.** *Returning F.I.R.E. families need to re-register each year.*

SACRAMENTS

Preparation for sacraments is separate from classes. Special sessions are intended for and involve parents. If you anticipate that other activities, events or programs in the coming year will compete with the time necessary for sacramental preparation, you might consider postponing the preparation until such a time that allows you and your family to fully engage in the preparation process.

BAPTISM: Contact the Faith Formation Office, 625-1750

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Check “*Sacrament Preparation*” in addition to enrolling for regular religious formation. All children in the **SECOND** grade are asked to prepare for this sacrament in the fall and celebrate Reconciliation in December during the first week of Advent. Students second grade *or older* preparing for First Reconciliation are expected to have completed the full previous year of Faith Formation before beginning to study for this sacrament. This is a two-year preparation process. The first parent/student workshops (Part I) for home preparation will be held Saturday, Sept 18th or Oct 2nd. *A second workshop (Part II) on Saturday, November 20th or Thursday, December 2nd for parents & students completes the preparation.* Students in grades 3rd-6th also prepare by attending the workshops and can celebrate the sacrament during the first week of Advent *or* Lent.

FIRST COMMUNION: Check “*Sacrament Preparation*” in addition to enrolling for regular religious formation. Students second grade *or older* preparing for First Communion are expected to have completed the full previous year of Faith Formation before beginning to study for this sacrament. This is a two-year preparation process. Preparation begins with a parent & child meeting (Part I) on Saturday, January 8th or 22nd followed by eight weeks of work at home with a special parent/child workbook. A second Saturday morning parent & child workshop (Part II) will be held in April. A letter will be sent to all families of students preparing for First Communion with details.

Timeline of First Reconciliation & First Communion Sacramental Preparation

♦September 18 or October 2 1 st Reconciliation Workshop (Pt I)	♦December 2010 Sacrament of Reconciliation/Advent	♦March/April 2011 Sacrament of Reconciliation/Lent
♦Nov. 20 or December 2 1 st Reconciliation Workshop (Pt II)	♦Jan 8 or 22, 2011 1 st Communion workshop (Pt I)	♦April 16 or 30, 2011 1 st Communion Workshop (Pt II)

May 2011 - 1st Communion Celebrations		

CONFIRMATION: After completion of the Confirmation Prep program or by attending adult RCIA classes. (Refer to Confirmation Prep information sheet)