

St. Daniel Catholic Community 2011-12

## Children's Formation Programs

and Sacrament Preparation

(Info also available at [www.stdanielclarkston.org](http://www.stdanielclarkston.org))

**Preschool  
Kindergarten  
Grades 1-5  
Grades 6 & 7**

**PRESCHOOL/KDG. CLASSES** start Sunday, October 2, 2011.

**GR. 1-5 CLASSES** start Monday, September 26, 2011.

**GR. 6/7 CLASS** orientation is Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011. Thursday classes begin week of Sept 29, 2011. Tuesday and Sunday classes begin the week of Oct. 2, 2011

**Attention, Catholic School students:** *Is your child in 2nd grade? 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sunday Nursery:** Plans are in motion to begin a Nursery program during the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses for children ages 10 months to 3 years. An adult supervisor will be hired to be on-site for each Mass as well as teen volunteers. Parents will be asked to give a donation of \$1.00/child to defray the cost of the program.

**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!](#))

### Class Registration & Sacrament Program Information

**PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN:** On Sunday mornings during 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses, children ages 3-5 years old can attend classes that run October through early May. *Registration is required.* Catechists are needed; please note on registration form if you can help.

#### **GRADES 1-5:**

**Weekly classes for grades 1-5:** Choose Monday or Tuesday at 4:30-5:45 or 6:15-7:30 p.m., or Wednesday at 5:00-6:15 p.m., classes run 1-hr 15-min. Choose **one** day/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 7<sup>th</sup> graders - Orientation Meeting - for parents + students: Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Weingartz Room.)** **Two 7-week modules;** classes are Sundays from 12:15-2:10 p.m.; limited space available in a Tuesday class, 4:30-6:00 p.m. and Thursday class (time TBD). Watch for a special Gr. 6/7 mailing in August with details on requirements and activities. *Students need to complete a [2011-12 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

*On occasion, St. Daniel Catholic Church takes photographs or makes an audio or video tape recording of children and/or adults involved in parish activities. Such photographs or video records may be used by staff and participants to remember the activities or participants. In addition, such photographs and audio/visual recordings may be used in St. Daniel Catholic publications or advertising materials to let others know about our parish. Please let the parish office know if you do not wish St. Daniel to use photos, audios or videos of your family. Thank you.*

**MORE PROGRAMS ON BACK** 



**FAMILY CLUSTERS** – Weeknights too busy for weekly classes? 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.

Lessons are designed for all ages. This is a great way to get involved and meet other St. Daniel families.

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 18th 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. Attendance at these special sessions is required for the sacrament. If you anticipate that other activities, events or programs in the coming year will compete with the time necessary for sacramental preparation, perhaps 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 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. *The first parent/student workshops (Part I) for home preparation will be held Saturday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. A second workshop (Part II) on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> or December 10<sup>th</sup> for parents & students completes the preparation.* Students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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. *Preparation begins with a parent & child meeting (Part I) on Saturday, January 21 or 28, 2012, 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 March 24 or April 14, 2012.* 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 24 or 29, 2011 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Workshop (Pt I)	♦December 2011 <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation/Advent</b>	♦March 2012 <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation/Lent</b>
♦Nov. 12 or December 10, 2011 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Workshop (Pt II)	♦Jan 21 or 28, 2012 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion workshop (Pt I)	♦March 24 or April 14, 2012 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Workshop (Pt II)

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April 2012 - 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Celebrations

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