



ST. FRANCES CABRINI EDUCATION/FORMATION PROGRAMS

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

PROGRAM	SCHEDULE	AUDIENCE	COMMENTS
Baptism Prep	Two hour session conducted on the third Tuesday of each month. Must schedule with the Rectory Office prior to attendance.	Parents required. Godparents are welcome but not required.	Facilitated by Deacon Luis Flores. Parents are encouraged to attend prior to the birth of their child. Attendance is not required if parents attended for a previous child within the previous three years.
First Eucharist Prep	Parent meeting at the beginning of the year. Two additional retreat days (held on Saturdays) with the parents and the child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retreat day one: Overview and celebration of the child's First Reconciliation. ▪ Retreat day two: Focus on Eucharist - education and family preparation. 	All students (normally second graders) who attend Cabrini grade school or religious education classes. Parents/guardians are part of the education process.	Parents receive workbooks for use at home to help prepare children for the reception of these sacraments. Books are written at a second grade level. Program is coordinated by staff member on the religious education team.
First Reconciliation	See First Eucharist prep Children celebrate their First Reconciliation prior to the celebration of First Eucharist.		

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION, *continued*

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Confirmation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regular religious education/formation classes in school or in weekly formation program. ▪ In addition to regular classes, students attend six (6) Sunday morning sessions comprised of four components: faith, fun, fellowship and food. ▪ Overnight Retreat ▪ Candidate/Sponsor Dinner ▪ Service Day ▪ Celebration of the sacrament with the bishop 	<p>All parish middle school students (Cabrini Middle School and students in the religious formation program). Program is designed for eighth graders with confirmation celebrated in the fall of the ninth grade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Cabrini School Students</u>: Instruction is part of the regular religion class. <u>Religious Education Students</u>: Weekly religious education classes (conducted on Tuesday evenings). 	<p><u>Sunday morning sessions</u>: students meet in groups of 7 or 8 with an adult mentor. Sessions are conducted from 8:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. and conclude with 10:00 a.m. Mass. Sessions are facilitated by adult religious educators from the parish.</p> <p><u>Overnight Retreat</u>: Offsite one-night chaperoned session designed to help candidates better understand their faith and relationship with Jesus.</p> <p><u>Candidate/Sponsor Dinner</u>: Dinner sponsored by the parish for the candidate and confirmation sponsor; held in March, prior to celebration of confirmation.</p> <p><u>Service Day</u>: Students participate in one of the service day opportunities to give students exposure to the needs of those outside their immediate community. The chaperoned day runs from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and includes lessons on the seven teachings of Catholic social justice. Service Day opportunities change each year based on site availability and the time of the year.</p> <p><u>Celebration</u>: Conducted in the fall, usually at the Saturday evening Mass, based on the bishop’s availability.</p>
Marriage Prep	<p>Workshop sessions are offered three times a year: October, January and May. Workshop sessions begin Friday evening (7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.) and conclude on Saturday (9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.). Couples also meet with the pastor for five private sessions prior to the wedding date.</p>	<p>Program is open to any couple (both in and out of parish) preparing for marriage. Couples must register at the Rectory. Form is located on the parish web site.</p>	<p>Workshop is facilitated by Deacon Luis Flores and includes topics such as finances and NFP. Couples from the parish form a panel and discuss their experiences of marriage with opportunity for Q&A from the participants.</p> <p>Cost for the weekend marriage prep session for 2011 is \$75.00.</p>

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

PROGRAM	SCHEDULE	AUDIENCE	COMMENTS
RCIA	Process runs from September to May. Candidates and catechumens attend the Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays and after dismissal, meet until 1:00 p.m. to break open the Scriptures and for instruction.	Any person who has <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ never been baptized ▪ been baptized in another Christian faith ▪ been baptized Catholic but not received religious formation 	Individual instruction is available as needed. If requested, individuals may begin the process at any time.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	SCHEDULE	AUDIENCE	COMMENTS
Weekly classes for public school students	Weekly classes run from September to the end of April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Grades 1 – 5</u>: Wednesday evenings – two different sessions – 4:30 to 5:45 AND 6:30 to 7:45 • <u>Grades 6 – 8</u>: Tuesday evenings – 6:30 to 7:45 	All public school students.	All teachers in the weekly program are either certified catechists or are working on certification. Students in grades 6 - 8 attend Tuesday evening Mass once a month and take part in the liturgy (e.g., lectors, readers, servers)
Cabrini Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cabrini Elementary and Middle Schools</u>: daily religion classes; Living Scripture twice each week. • <u>Cabrini High School</u>: All students are required to take four years of religion/theology classes. All students normally attend Mass once a week. 	All students in the parish elementary, middle and high schools.	Living Scripture: Students prepare for the weekend liturgies through their study of the weekend Mass readings and how these readings apply to their lives. All the elementary and middle school religion teachers are certified catechists. All the high school religion teachers have either a Bachelor's or Master's degree in theology. Approved textbooks and curriculum requirements is provided by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS, *continued*

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Family Catechesis	First Tuesday of each month from October to May from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for formation.	Family units: children and parents/guardians enrolled in the program.	Independently, families work on religious education using textbooks designed for homeschooling. Each of the monthly family sessions is topic-based with separate components for the students and their parents.
Special Needs	Biweekly on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. for 45 minutes	Students whose parents request this program who child is identified as having special learning needs. Parent or guardian attends with child.	Program has worked with children from first grade to 16 year olds. Program includes sacramental preparation as needed.

OTHER PARISH EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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Bible Study	From October to April, every other Monday from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Any person interested in learning more about Scripture.	Facilitated by Fr. Joe Mallia.
Men's Group	Twice monthly on either Thursday or Sunday evening.	All men looking for a deeper walk with the Lord with other men.	See parish bulletin for specific meeting schedule and dates.
Youth Group	See parish bulletin for meeting dates and times.	Open to all junior high and high school students	Activities include educational and recreational activities under the auspices of Therese Tardiff, parish youth minister.
Vacation Bible School	Scheduled from Monday to Thursday during August.	Elementary and middle school children.	Conducted in conjunction with four other churches in Allen Park (Lutheran, Methodist, Hungarian Reformed and Presbyterian.
Parish Mission	Once every other year (even numbered years).	All parishioners and others in the community.	Provides spiritual growth for members of the parish. Is usually facilitated by a guest speaker.

OTHER PARISH EDUCATION PROGRAMS, *continued*

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Sunday School and Nursery Program	From September to May; class conducted during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.	All children aged three to five.	Classes conducted in the elementary grade school wing.
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Conducted the first and third Sunday of each month during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.	All children from first through fourth grade.	Children are dismissed after the opening rites and return after the homily.
Parish Library	Open when the church is open.	All members of the parish.	Library is located just off the church narthex. It contains books, videos and DVDs on educational and spiritual topics.
Mom's Ministry	Offered twice each month from October to June: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third Monday - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. • Third Tuesday - 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 	All women of the parish, although this group will most appeal to current mothers.	This group meets to support each other to help meet the spiritual needs of motherhood. Women can attend either session. There is a \$20.00 fee to cover the cost of the journals.