

Program Descriptions

Generations of Faith (GOF)

Is an event-centered Catechesis approach to engage *all of the generations* by making participation in parish life and “events” the centerpiece of faith formation. It offers singles, couples, and families the opportunity to work and grow within their Catholic faith together. Parishioners gather monthly in intergenerational groups for one 2 ½ -hour session. Participation in discussion groups, group/family activities, games, singing, prayer, and reflection are included in each meeting. Each family, couple, or individual are also given activities to do at home to further reinforce what is learned in each session. This approach to faith formation is equivalent to the traditional classroom religious education program for children and counts towards their catechism program requirements in the Archdiocese.

Home Catechesis

New this year, we will be offering Home Catechesis for those who would like to study the faith with their children in their own home. We will be using the Faith First Family Program (approved by the National Conference of Bishops). This program offers a complete, balanced and holistic approach to faith, based on church doctrine, Scripture and the liturgical year. There is also an award-winning Website to reinforce Catholic religious education. There will be an orientation meeting for all interested families on Saturday, September 20th after the 5pm mass. We will be discussing the program and sharing a meal. For additional information contact Laurie Cooper, 248-634-7015.

Sacraments

Baptism: Contact Fr. John or Laurie Cooper, 248-634-7015

First Reconciliation: All children 7 years or older are asked to prepare for Reconciliation. Parent/student workshops for home preparation will be held prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

First Communion: All children 7 years or older are asked to prepare for the sacrament of First Communion. The First Communion program begins with a parent/child workshop reinforced with a home study format. There are two additional gatherings for parents and children as they prepare for the celebration of the sacrament.

Confirmation: Preparation begins in January for all youth in eighth grade. Students meet twice a month during the school year and will be confirmed in the fall of their ninth grade year. The Confirmandi will be involved in group service projects and community building activities.

Preparation Needs: If you have any questions about the sacramental programs or have special needs please contact Laurie Cooper or Fr. John at 248-634-7015.

Adult Faith Formation (*no registration fee - open to all adults)

***Sunday to Sunday Scripture Reflections** – This group meets on Tuesday mornings beginning at 9:15 a.m. They explore the Sunday readings and apply them to daily life. Attend when you can, no appointment or registration required.

***Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy** – Join us every 2nd and/or 4th Tuesday beginning at 7:00 p.m. It is necessary to have materials to participate. They are available through www.thedivinemercy.org. You will need: Cenacle Formation Manuals 1, 2, and 3, Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Catholic Bible, and a Catechism of the Catholic Church. We will use these books every week. You can also order them by calling 1-800-462-7426. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Katie Leddy 248-634-6354 or Mirza Mangilin 248-625-8898

***Theology UN-Tapped** – This is a new format beginning in September. The group plans to meet every 3rd Thursday at the Knights of Columbus, 5660 Maybee Road, Clarkston. A discussion topic will be presented; the attendees will then share their views and/or questions.

***Seasonal Studies:** _____Advent (TBA) _____Lent (TBA)

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Faith Formation And Family Life – Registration 2008/2009



Last Name _____ Phone _____ Work or Cell phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Email needed: _____

PARTICIPANTS FIRST NAME	RELATIONSHIP (circle) Adult –M/F Child – M/F	DATE OF BIRTH	SCHOOL & GRADE PS, K,1,2,3 etc (Children only)	REGISTERING FOR Generation of Faith (GOF) Home Catechesis (HC) <i>*Adult FF-specify (no fee)*</i>	PREPARE FOR SACRAMENT(S) Baptism/First Communion/ Reconciliation/Confirmation
	Adult –M/F	X			
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	Adult –M/F Child – M/F		Grade__		__Baptism __First Communion Reconciliation __Confirmation
	Child – M/F		Grade__		__Baptism __First Communion Reconciliation __Confirmation
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Special considerations (medical, social, learning, sacraments, notes):

REQUIRED FOR VOLUNTEERS: I have taken Protecting God's Children – Names(s) _____

I have had a Criminal Background Check – Names(s) _____

Registration Fee(s)

Generations of Faith: \$25/Single, \$35/Couple, \$60 Family \$ _____
Home Catechesis: \$50 \$ _____

GENERATION OF FAITH SUPPORT – We Need You!!

I can help as __Catechist __Carpet Sitter (Teen) __Menu Planner
__Mailings __Make Copies

For Office Use Only:
Amt _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Date _____ Received By _____

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