

Afterschool Discipleship Formation / Catechesis

The Afterschool Discipleship formation program (Religious Education) at St Frances Cabrini, will inspire a new generation of disciples who grow in holiness through prayer, charity, and sharing our faith. Our Catechists have a passion for handing on our faith, for doing their part to form vibrant disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our program begins in 1st grade and continues thru confirmation 8th Gr

Classes are held on Mondays in the Cabrini Elementary School

Time:

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm. 1st Grade to 5th Grade

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. 1st Grade to 8th Grade

Registration begins **July 1, 2024** and ends **September 30, 2024**

- **Classes begin September 23, 2024.**
- Parents are expected to sign up for the REMIND app to receive information.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Discipleship Formation Office strives to nurture children and adults as they move toward the path of discipleship in Christ, guided by the teaching authority of the Catholic Church.

Reconciliation & First Communion Preparation is offered through our RE program. Students who have reached the age of 7 years (or are currently in the 2nd grade) may prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion, **if they have completed the first grade in an approved RE program.** This sacramental preparation program is supplemental and children, with encouragement and help of their family, are required to participate in the following:

- ❖ Attend and participate in Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation
- ❖ Actively participate in Religious Education program or attend a Catholic School

Confirmation

Students begin Confirmation Preparation in 7th grade through the Religious Education program. The Sacrament of Confirmation is traditionally prepared for and celebrated during the student's 13th or 14th year (8th grade school year). Students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are required to have actively participated in a Religious Education Program or attend a Catholic School; also

- ❖ Attend and participate in Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation
- ❖ Register and attend Confirmation Sacramental Prep classes and retreats

OCIA

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Have you been away from the Church and have questions? Where do you begin to find answers? Well, you just begin from where you are now!

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the process by which any unbaptized persons or baptized Christian/Catholic begins to learn more about the faith through participation in Catholic faith formation. This formation typically requires several months to complete; taking into consideration each person's unique circumstances. Formation includes the following periods of learning and discernment:

Period of Evangelization and Pre-Catechumenate

This is the time when an individual comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers his or her relationship with Jesus Christ and is usually attracted to the Catholic Church.

Period of the Catechumenate

The Catechumen consider what God is saying to them in the Scriptures, what changes in their life they need to make to respond to God's inspiration, and what Baptism in the Catholic Church means.

Period of Purification and Enlightenment

This is the time immediately preceding the elects' initiation; it is a time of reflection, intensely centered on conversion.

Period of Mystagogy

During this period the newly baptized and confirmed reflect on their experiences at the Easter Vigil and continue to learn about the Scriptures, the Sacraments, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. This is also the time when they reflect on how they will serve Christ and help in the Church's mission and outreach activities within their home parish and the world.

God has called you and you have responded to Him by taking the next step in your faith journey, participating in OCIA. During this time of formation, you will participate in Mass, prayer and lectures with the guidance of the OCIA team and guest speakers. Weekly formation is hosted at both your home parish and St. Frances Cabrini.

Each Catechumenate/Candidate will attend Sunday Mass and a time of prayer at their home parish: plan on approximately 1 ½ hours of formation on Sunday. On Wednesday evenings, faith formation class is held in the Holy Family Hall from 6:30 – 8:00pm. The address is 15310 Wick Road, Allen Park, MI 48101; the entrance is in the back of the building.

The priests, deacons, OCIA team and Family of Parishes community is committed and excited to support you on your faith journey.