

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Catechetical Year 2024 – 2025



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to a new year! What an exciting time it is for our parish and diocese.

The theme of this Catechetical Year is "Lord, when did we see you hungry". (Matthew 25:37). Our theme this year helps us reflect on our call to missionary discipleship. We are called to be Eucharist by work and action to our brothers and sisters in Christ. As we have been reminded in the gospels the last few weeks.... "Jesus is the Bread of Life and who ever eats this bread will live forever."

This year we will focus on how we "feed" others. We will be reminded and reflect on how we are fed by the Eucharist, we become a "walking tabernacle of Jesus."

Each year at the end of the year we do a reflection on the program. One of the things that came up from teachers and students in parental involvement. The children love it when their parents are here and involved with them, therefore we have incorporated several activities with parents this year.

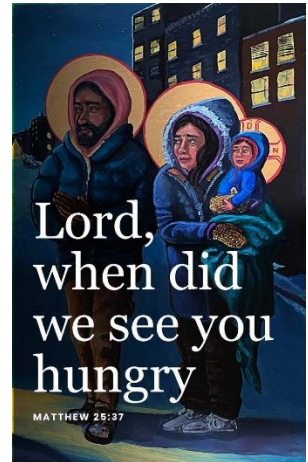
We recognize your role as the primary educators of your children and invite you to join us as we take our faith seriously in echoing the teachings of Christ, which is essentially what catechesis is all about. We thank you for the opportunity to work with your family and your child(ren). We are here to assist you in any way possible. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mrs. Myra G. Tircuit
Director of Religious Education

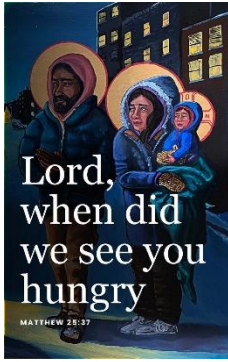
PERSONNEL AND VOLUNTEERS
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION 2024 – 2025

First Grade	Melissa Laurent
Second Grade	No Students
Third Grade	Veronica Crow
Fourth Grade	No Students Registered
Fifth Grade	Sonya Granier
Sixth Grade	Sandra Alfred
Seventh Grade	No Students
Eighth Grade	Ramona Gomez
High School (9, 10, 11)	Alex White
Basic Course	Trang White
Support Staff	Yanira Morales



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*Because of the small number of students – some grade levels with one student have been combined to give our students a sense o community learning.



ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH CATECHETICALCALENDAR 2024 -2025

Aug	26	Opening Mass/Open House Parents & Students
Sept	02	Labor Day no Session
Sept	09	Session #1
Sept	16	Session #2
Sept	23	Session #3
Sept	30	Session #4 --- Large Group Activity All Students
Oct	07	NO Session – Fall Break
Oct	14	Session #5
Oct	21	Session #6
Oct	28	Session #7 – Large Group Activity & Parents
Nov	04	Session #8
Nov	11	Session #9
Nov	18	Session #10
Nov	25	No Session- Thanksgiving Week
Dec	02	Session #11
Dec	09	Session #12
Dec	16	Large Group Activity/Family Night – Christmas
Dec	23	No Session Christmas Break
Dec	30	No Session Christmas Break

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SECOND SEMESTER 2025

Jan	06	Session #13
Jan	13	Session #14
Jan	20	No Session – Martin Luther King Jr Holiday
Jan	27	Session #15 – Circles of Grace – Diocesan Lesson
Feb	03	Session #16
Feb	10	Session #17
Feb	17	Session #18
Feb	24	Session # 19 Large Group Activity
Mar	03	No Session Mardi Gras
Mar	10	Session #20
Mar	17	Session #21
Mar	24	Session #22
Mar	31	Session #23 Large Group Activity & Parents
April	07	Session #24
April	14	Session #25 – Final Night Family Night
April	28	Teacher’s end of year evaluation/Dinner

Choice made for participating in program is by semesters. Students meeting on Campus will meet from 6:30 P.M. until 7:45 P.M. Students not meeting on Campus will complete work assigned weekly. They will meet with DRE twice during the semester. Appointments for these meetings should be scheduled by parents. Parents of students not on campus are required to stay at meetings with their child. Students not participating on campus will participate in large group activities. Teachers are not responsible for providing the extra/special things they do in class to the at-home students

Please note that students in Sacramental Prep formation years are required to attend sessions on campus. If there is a conflict, please let us know at the beginning of the year.

If you are interested in faith formation and this program does not work for your family, please contact the parish office.

ATTENDANCE

Each and every child plays an important role in our program; therefore, attendance is an important part of our program.

If a student misses a class, they may be required to make up the missed work/activity. If a student misses three or more classes (excused or unexcused) and/or does not make up the work, the student may have to repeat the course.

Students and parents are reminded that when students miss class, the format of our program makes it difficult for students to experience the full intent of the schedule activities.

Students may not be excused from Religious Education Classes for extra-curricular activities – e.g. to work on school projects, plays, concerts, regular schedule sporting events. If your child has a scheduling conflict, please contact the DRE.

If a child needs to miss a class for illness or a family emergency, or a special event, please notify Myra PRIOR to the beginning of class. Myra may be reached at 642-8441 before 3:00 P.M. on Monday; she may also be reached at 642-8410 after 5:30 P.M. on Monday evenings or email myratircuit@bellsouth.net

Tardy students should report to the D.R.E. before entering classes. If students are tardy twice – it will be counted as an absence. Students may not be permitted to enter classrooms 5 minutes or later after scheduled beginning of activity.

If participation and attendance in the program at St. Gabriel is inconvenient for your family, please contact Myra so that arrangements can be made for your child to continue receiving the necessary classes for their faith formation.

There is a total of twenty-five sessions scheduled for the 2024 – 2025 catechetical year.

NORMS FOR 2024-2025

1. Respect for yourself, and each other is expected at all times.
2. Everyone is expected to be on time and task. Students should have necessary material
3. Keep your hands, feet and other objects to yourself. Horse-playing, bullying including cyber-bullying, teasing, fighting, or inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
4. Destruction of property and/or equipment etc. will not be permitted.
5. Eating, drinking or gum is not permitted in classrooms.
6. Use of alcohol, tobacco products and drugs is not permitted.
7. Firearms or other weapons are not permitted on campus.
8. Students **should not** bring Cell phones, beepers, or other electronic devices to class unless directed by their catechist. Religious Education personnel should have their phones etc. on silent mode.
9. Students are not permitted to have visitors on campus or in the classrooms.
ALL visitors should report to the office.
10. Reckless and careless operation of vehicles will not be permitted.
11. Appropriate dress is expected. Appropriate length and covering to so that the 4 B's... back, belly, butt and breast.... are not exposed. No P.J.'s.
12. The DRE must be notified in writing if a student is leaving with a person other than their usual form of transportation. No one will be permitted to leave the church grounds walking.

GUIDELINES FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST



ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a baptized Catholic whose family is registered in St. Gabriel Parish.
2. Applicant must be a **practicing** member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church. “Practicing” means **regularly** attends Mass on Sundays and Holydays.
3. Applicant must be in second grade or older
4. Applicant must have participated in and successfully completed a Religious Education Program (Catholic School or Parish School of Religion) for one year **prior** to application. Application must be participating in a Religious Education Program at the time of application and while participating in the Sacramental Programs.
5. A child will not be allowed in the program once classes have begun, unless transferring from another parish.

PREPARATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION

1. Introductory meeting for parents the first week in September.
2. Three instructional classes for candidates on a Saturday, once a month from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.
3. Parents to attend requested classes/reflections/meetings etc.
4. Morning of reflection/ practice prior to the reception of the Sacrament for Candidates and parents.

FIRST EUCHARIST

1. Introductory meeting for parents the first week in January
2. Three instructional classes for candidates on a Saturday, once a month from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.
3. Parents to attend requested classes/reflections/meetings etc.
4. Rite of Enrollment, which will be held on a Sunday during the 10:00 A.M. Liturgy, at which time candidates will be presented to the parish.
5. Candidates must be Gift Bearers at their assigned mass during Lent.
6. Attend the Seder Meal on Palm Sunday.
7. Morning of reflection/ practice prior to the reception of the Sacrament for Candidates and parents.
8. Celebration will be the first Sunday in May @ 10:00 A.M. Mass

[Absences could result in the deferment of the Candidate for Sacramental Preparation.](#)

GUIDELINES FOR CONFIRMATION



ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a baptized Catholic who is and whose family is registered in St. Gabriel Parish.
2. Applicant must be a practicing member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church. “Practicing” means regularly attends Mass on Sundays, Holydays, and regularly participates in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.
3. Applicant must be at least sixteen years old or older and be participating in at least the eleventh grade level of a religious education program. Applicants 18 years old or older may/will be referred to the Adult Program.
4. Applicant must have participated in and successfully completed a religious education program (parish school of religion or Catholic School) ten years prior to application. Applicant must be participating in a religious education program at the time of application and while participating in the program.
5. Attendance/participation in St. Gabriel’s Parish School of Religion and/or a Catholic School Program is required the year prior to and of confirmation.

PREPARATION

1. All potential candidates must submit a letter of request outlining eligibility to the pastor and Confirmation
2. Parents and Candidates must attend an informational meeting
ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.
3. A personal interview with the pastor and/or DRE.
4. Fifteen Service hours which are broken down as follows:
Community – 5, Church - 5, Home – 5
5. Attend the two offered retreats.
6. Instructional classes.
7. Candidates are encouraged to participate in a ministry – Lector, Server, Usher, and Greeter
8. Participation in the Rite of Choice and Rite of Enrollment.

Absences could result in deferment of the Candidate for Sacramental Preparation.

A meeting for those who wish to participate in our 2025 – 2026 Program will be held for Parents and Candidates in the early fall of 2025.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ST. GABRIEL IS GIVEN TO US BY THE BISHOP’S OFFICE. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL CELEBRATIONS OF CONFIRMATION WILL BE HERE AT ST. GABRIEL.



TRANSPORTATION

Parents are responsible for the transportation of child(ren) for all scheduled activities. For safety reasons **students should arrive no earlier than 10 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the activity, and should be picked up immediately following the activity.**

When entering the property, please enter on the road to the far right of the property (road that runs in front of New Activity Center) and exit on the road to the left of the property (road that runs closest to cemetery and Old Church). **FOR SAFETY REASONS, PLEASE DO NOT CUT ACROSS THE PROPERTY OR THE PARKING LOT TO REACH THE ROAD. PLEASE STAY ON THE PAVED AREAS AT ALL TIMES.**



Students are to be dropped off at the designed area. On clear days please drop students off at the first entrance of walkway into PAC. On rainy days, please drop students off under the covered area.

When picking up students, the first car may stop immediately in front of first entrance to PAC others should line up directly behind first car. On rainy days, please pick students up under the covered area. If it is your turn to pick up your children and they are not present, you will be asked to pull up to wait for your child to be brought to your car. Students will not be allowed to walk down the road to their ride.

Students will enter a vehicle with the permission of the adult on duty. No student will be allowed to walk un-supervised to a vehicle.

Teachers, other personnel and students should park in the spaces closest to the median of the parking lot.

Immediately upon dismissal from class - Student who drives to class should go to their cars and safely exit the property.

A requirement from the Diocese –

Designated individuals should be responsible for overseeing drop-off /pick-up of participants. A child should only be released to an individual designate in writing by the parent/legal guardian.

To meet this requirement – Myra and teachers will oversee the carpool line. Parents are asked to read carefully and complete the transportation information sheet in the back of this booklet to the parish office no later than **September 5, 2024**

Staff will not leave until all students picked up.



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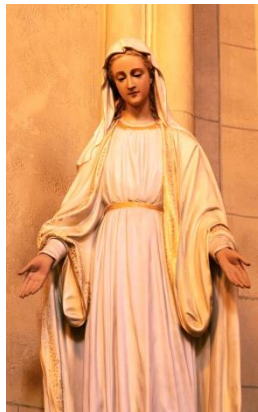
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BULLETIN: The River Catholic may be picked up weekly at Church

PLEASE NOTE: On Monday afternoons Myra can be reached in the Parish Activity Center – 642-8410 after 5:30 P.M. Remember she does not always check the voice mail in her office before classes on Monday evenings.



“TOGETHER WE CAN”

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE PARISH OFFICE
ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 5, 2024.**



- I/we have read and we understand the information booklet for the 2024– 2025 Religious Education Program. YES NO
- I/We have received, read and understand the Keeping our Children Safe material provided to us which contains information on parish and Diocesan policies and guidelines. YES NO
- I understand that sometimes photos may be taken of my child. Photos are used for- but not limited to – placed in cards to our home-bound parishioners – seminarians – bulletin boards and parish bulletin, parish website or parish face book page. I/we give our permission for our child’s picture to be used. YES NO
- I/we have chosen the option to Home School our Children. I/we have read and understand the guidelines for this option. YES NO
- I/we have chosen the option to attend Religious Education in another parish. I/we understand we must have written consent from both parishes before attending classes. I/we understand we must follow all guidelines set forth in the programs in which we attend. If child is in a Sacramental year they must attend classes at St. Gabriel. YES NO
- I/we have notified the D.R.E. of any allergies or medical problems my child/ren may have that may need immediate attention. YES NO
- I/we understand that we are responsible for the transportation of our child(ren) to and from scheduled activities. YES NO
- I/we understand that my child should arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before scheduled event and should be picked up immediately after the event ends. Failure to pick up my child on time may result in me being charged \$3.00 every 5 minutes I am late. YES NO
- I /we understand that my child/ren will be released only to the individual(s) designated in writing by the parent/legal guardian. Phone calls, word of mouth, or messages sent with students or other teachers may not be accepted. YES NO

My child will be dropped off at class each Monday by:

My child will be picked up from class each Monday by:

SIGNATURES

STUDENT(S)

PARENTS/

LEGAL GUARDIAN
