

St. Mary and St. Rose of Lima

CCD News 2026-2027

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to a new year in your child(ren)'s religious education. We, the catechists, are here to help educate your children in our faith. You, the parents and guardians, are the first teachers, leaders, and examples of the Catholic faith in their lives. **We are your Wednesday evening support group!**

Please be aware that **one hour a week** is not enough to educate your children in the Catholic faith. Here are three encouraging ideas:

Pray at home each day with your children.

Have conversations about Mass and the Holy Eucharist on your way to attend Mass.

Sign up for the program FORMED for extra information, videos, and podcasts about our Roman Catholic faith (see bulletin for information).

You can find additional information on www.stmarybloomfield.com on the Religious Education CCD webpage.

Sincerely,

Cindy Wagoner, Director of Religious Education

Agenda

Introduction of Facilitators/Teachers/Aides

Overview of the year (number of classes), absence policy, cellphone, dress policy, lanyards for RE Building, and Mass attendance

Safe Environment Training – September 30th

Weather closures

Parish registration is required for CCD registration (issues with registrations must be settled before the first day of CCD on September 16, 2026 – certificates, fees, etc.)

Absence Policy:

CCD classes that **do not** culminate in youth receiving sacrament(s)

K-1st

4th-6th Youth Group

7th-12th Lifeteen

Telephone calls from DRE after 3rd absence.

CCD classes that **do** culminate in youth receiving sacrament(s)

2nd Reconciliation

3rd Confirmation and Communion

3rd-6th OCIC Two-year program for Reconciliation, Confirmation and
Communion

7th-12th OCIC One/Two-year program for Reconciliation, Confirmation and
Communion

FIVE ABSENCES, on the 6th absence the student will be removed from the sacrament list. The student may continue attending CCD without the benefit of sacrament(s).

Cellphone Policy:

Any cellphones being used by students during class may be taken by DRE and kept in a secure place until the end of CCD session. Only the parent or guardian may pick up the cellphone.

Clothing Policy:

The DRE will provide T-shirts and/or sweatpants during CCD for any student wearing offensive or revealing clothing. The DRE will have a meeting with the parent(s) and the student at 6:30 p.m.

Hats are meant to keep the sun from an individual's eyes when outside. It is the teacher's discretion whether the room is too bright, and whether the student must wear a hat indoors. **At no time is a student to wear his hat in the church.**

Lanyards for Safety in RE Building: All RE Buildings Doors to Remain Locked During CCD

All Catechists/Aides and students will wear lanyards during the CCD evening. A parent/guardian will drop off the student(s) at the classroom door and receive a lanyard from the Catechist or Aide that allows him/her to enter when the West door is opened at 6:30 p.m. to pick up the student(s).

Mass Attendance:

Mass attendance is mandatory for all youth. A signed bulletin or Mass Attendance Form from Priest or Deacon or Catechist and given IN A TIMELY MANNER to teacher on the following Wednesday evening of CCD.

OR

Holy Heroes at <https://holyheroes.com>

Sunday Mass Prep

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade – Watch video, turn in coloring page.

3rd-12th Grade – Watch video, turn in Mass quiz.

A redirection meeting will be held after the 4th no-show to Mass.

Why? Mass is mandatory. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Open discussion from the floor.

Closing Prayer and Adjourn

Kindly complete the registration process prior to CCD classes on September 16th.