
Holy Rosary Church

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Eucharistic Renewal and Family Involvement is our parish-wide focus for the year!

Recognizing parents as the most essential influence in their child's life to pass on our Catholic faith and to know God, we have incorporated several family or "parents needed" evenings to CCD. The dates on the schedule that have yellow highlights indicate when parents are needed during CCD. Please note some highlighted nights are grade specific and some nights include all grades. We will try to remind you with paper notes sent home as well as flock notes, but all should please mark your calendars now and plan to attend October 22 for celebration of Saint JPII Mass, November 12 for Eucharistic Miracle Display, and November 19 for Parish Mission with John Wood.

It is time to **update registrations, medical records and pay fees** for your children for the 2025-2026 CCD school year at Holy Rosary. Registration forms and schedules are enclosed. Please read all materials. **Completed forms and fees can be brought to church on the first night of CCD, September 3rd** or dropped in the collection basket on Sunday or to the church office before September 3rd. Any student and guest attending CCD must have a signed registration form on file in the office.

MASS ATTENDANCE - All children are expected to attend Sunday Mass weekly. As Catholics, Mass is the most important part of our week. ***There is no higher thing we can do as human beings than worship God in the way He has asked us to worship Him!*** – Fr. Mike Schmitz. Going to weekly Sunday Mass is more important than any sport, activity, or CCD class itself. At Mass, we gather as a community to most importantly worship God as He taught us, we are forgiven of our minor sins, we hear God's Word, and we receive Christ in the Eucharist. We attend Sunday Mass to receive the gift of God's grace to be able to live a faith-filled Christian life throughout the week. It is the best way to organize and kick off our week! The children will learn of the importance of Mass and worshipping God throughout the year so weekly Mass and daily prayer needs to be part of their lives for CCD classes to make sense. Holy Rosary Sunday Mass times are Saturday 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick Glynnwood is 9:30 a.m. Please check masstimes.org for Mass times of the surrounding parishes if these times do not work for your family or if you are traveling on the weekend.

FEES - \$50 per student in grades 1st, 3rd-7th, 9-12th and \$75 for 2nd and 8th (includes Dragon Slayer and Sanctified retreat fees), with a maximum fee of \$175 per family. Volunteers pay \$10 for family. Checks are payable to Holy Rosary or Cash is accepted as well.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL SAFETY - CCD Class is from 7-8p.m. on the Wednesdays listed on the enclosed sheet. Please do not bring your child to school before 6:50 p.m., unless you are a volunteer. Our volunteer teachers need time to prepare the classroom for students and are not able to provide proper supervision or childcare before that time. All elementary school children or any child who has a "do not release to" person listed on their form, must be brought to, and picked up directly from their classrooms by a parent/guardian. Please wait with your child in the hallway if his/her teacher is not yet present each night or if it is earlier than 6:50p.m. Please arrive promptly at 8 p.m. for dismissal. Please do not allow your child to play in the gym.

CANCELLATIONS - If school is cancelled due to fog, there will be CCD classes in the evening. If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, CCD classes are also cancelled. In case of late weather changes, we will send a mass text to all registered for CCD. Call the parish office if you are not receiving parish-wide messages. **Please do not stop or block your text messages, as this is our only means of mass communication.**

ABSENCES - If your child needs to miss a Wednesday class, please call the parish office at 419-300-1045 and leave a message. If you have not contacted the office to inform us of your child's absence, the Archdiocese requires CCD Office volunteers to call you to confirm your child's absence.

CURRICULUM AND PRAYERS - Students in grades 1-12 follow the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Graded Course of Study. To help children grow closer to Christ, daily prayer is vital. Students will be taught many forms of prayer and will be expected to learn traditional Catholic prayers. Specific prayer expectations for each grade level will be brought home on September 3rd. Prayers have the most meaning and the children are most successful in learning these prayers and praying from the heart when they are prayed daily together as a family. We are returning to using Gospel Weeklies for grades 1-7. Grades 8 will use a thorough Confirmation preparation program called *Chosen*. Grades 9 - 12 will be studying the Mass and why we worship as we do, along with works of mercy.

SPECIAL NEEDS - If your child has an IEP in the school classroom during the school day, please attach a note to the registration form telling the catechist how he/she can best help your child learn and include some strategies to assist your child during CCD. We want your child, and everyone involved in CCD to have a very positive experience. Since all catechists/teachers are volunteers, and not necessarily professional teachers, you will be asked to assist your child by attending with him/her if we are not able to meet your child's classroom needs.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR/ DRESS CODE - All catechists are volunteers and are very generous in giving their time to share and teach our Catholic faith to your children to help bring them closer to Jesus Christ. We want to provide an engaging atmosphere of virtue and learning. Please discuss with your child the importance of listening, cooperating, and participating in class. Please remember we are your partners in helping you teach the Catholic faith to your child and we want the best for your child. Your child will learn so much more and classes are most pertinent if prayer and the faith is practiced at home. Students who are disruptive to the class will be sent to the office and a parent will be asked to accompany them to future classes. Parental input and suggestions are always appreciated. Parents are welcome to visit your child's classroom and most importantly to help by volunteering. All volunteers must be Safe Environment trained and must pass a background check. Students are expected to dress as they would for school. T-shirts cannot have any offensive writing and modesty should be respected (no shirts cut down the sides where sports bras are revealed). If outfits are deemed a distraction or inappropriate by a teacher, priest or CRE, a student will be asked to either turn their shirt inside out or will be given a more appropriate cover-up for class.

CONNECT HRYG YOUTH GROUP AND CYO - Our high school youth group meets from 8-9p.m. on Wednesday nights following CCD. Any high school aged teen is welcome to stay for more social, spiritual, and fun formation after regularly scheduled CCD. CYO basketball is offered for high school students as a pay to play sport for those attending all year long CCD. (North Valley CYO rule). Costs vary according to number of team members playing.

FOOD IN THE CLASSROOM Please do not send individual snacks, candy, soda pop, or sugary drinks with your children. Many times, this becomes disruptive with wrappers, crumbs, and spills. Water bottles are permitted. We do understand that some students have activities that do not allow them to eat dinner before CCD. These students are permitted to bring their meal and eat in the classroom as long as they are not distracting the class. Please call Nan if you have concerns.

VANCREST BINGO - We send a class (Grades 4-12) every month to play Bingo with Vancrest residents. Reminders will be sent out the week prior to each class going. Sixth graders should be brought directly to Vancrest on September 3rd.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED In order for our CCD nights to be successful, we need YOU! Please volunteer to assist in teaching, office assistance and classroom assistance. The children can learn so much more when we are able to engage them with small group discussion and hands on activities rather than having to sit at a desk. This is only possible, though, with many volunteers. Please call Nan at 419-300-1045 to help.

Thank you for allowing us to assist you in your child's faith formation. Please call with any questions or concerns. May this year be filled with many blessings as we all grow closer to Christ together!