

Welcomed!

Our Lady of Refuge Religious Formation for Children 2009-2010 Program Year

Dear Parents,

The 2009-2010 Religious Formation Program year is about to begin and we don't want you to miss out! We have included a pamphlet describing the children's faith formation programs that your parish offers. We have a variety of offerings designed to help you share our faith with your child.

Do I need to fill out a form?

Yes, we need a registration form for all children who will be participating in any of our programs. The registration form gives us emergency phone numbers, allergy information and permission to teach your child. It also helps us to plan our programs better (so please mail it in soon.)

Do I have to pay a fee?

Some of our programs have a registration fee. The fee for the formation classes provide us with funds to purchase books, teaching materials, and allow us to share our faith while doing hands-on activities at times. If a family can not pay the fee you may become a volunteer in our program to defer the cost (your help is valuable to us!)

Free Stuff!

If you are a registered member of our parish the following children's programs are of no cost to you: Liturgy of the Word for Children, Co-Op Nursery, and the Sunday School Program. However, you will still need to fill out and turn in a registration form.

More Questions?

Please feel free to contact the Religious Education Office at (248) 682 -6381 or e-mail Marianne at OLRMarianne@yahoo.com The office is located inside our parish school.

Religious Education

Nursery- Babysitting is offered during the 9:30am mass during the program year. This is a co-op nursery. Parents are asked to sign up for a week to volunteer.

Sunday School- Offered during the 9:30am mass for 4 and 5 year olds. Children hear the Gospel at their own level of understanding. They also play games, make crafts and pray together.

Liturgy of the Word for Children- Offered during the 9:30am mass for children in grades 1-6. The children attend mass with their parents but are dismissed to hear the Gospel at their level of understanding.

Family Catechesis- Is a once a month family orientated program. This program is an alternative to weekly religious formation for children in grades 1-6. Parents attend class with their child from 2:30-6pm and are given the resources to continue their faith formation in the home.



Religious Formation-Volunteers from our parish teach children in grades 1-6 about our Catholic faith. We gather weekly to learn a topic following our Liturgical calendar. We also have two family classes per year when the children bring a parent to class for a special activity. This year's activities are: The Living Rosary & Stations of the Cross.



Monday Classes: Grades 1-6
4:45-6:15pm

Classes begin with a snack in the social hall and dismiss by the door near the church sign.

Wednesday Class: Grade 6
6:45-9pm

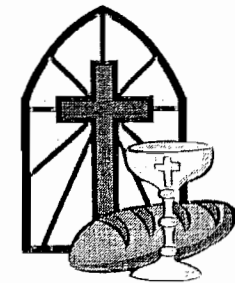
Students begin in the social hall with a pasta dinner each week. They are picked up on the school side of the building.

Vacation Bible School- Is a week long camp for children in pre-k through grade 4. The children hear Bible stories, play games, sing songs, and make crafts. This is a fun filled week where the children form friendships with other children of the parish.

Sacramental Preparation:

Reconciliation
First Communion

We offer sacramental preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion. Children usually prepare for these sacraments in the second grade. Formation for the sacraments includes our weekly classes as well as retreats and parent meetings.



RCIC- This program is for older children in need of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. After attending a weekly Religious Education class for a full year a child may enter into the RCIC program to prepare for the sacraments. In addition to the once a month RCIC classes the child must also continue attending their regular Religious Education classes. If a child is in need of Baptism the parents will need to meet with Fr. McEnhill to make arrangements.

Volunteers Needed- All of our programs are run by volunteer adults and teens of our parish. Volunteer positions include:

- Snack Helpers Babysitters
- Project Prep Office Help
- Catechists
- Class Room Aides

Become a Catechist

“Go and make disciples of all nations...”
Mt 28:19

Answer the call and become a Catechist! Every year it takes a team of dedicated parish members just like you to share our faith with the children of our parish. Don't be shy, we provide all the materials and support you will need to be successful. Give us a call. We need you!
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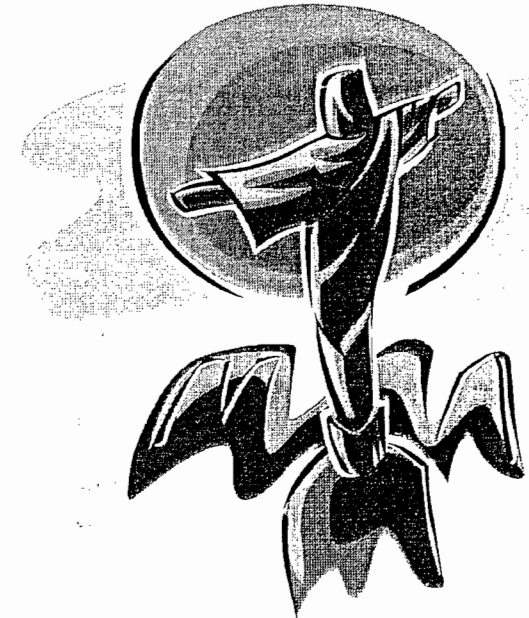
Catechist Formation:

All of our Catechists must be in the process of becoming certified. The Archdiocese of Detroit provides a set of 27 formation topics required to become a certified catechist. We require that a catechist take a minimum of two topics per year.

Protecting our Children: We require all volunteers to fill out and return a criminal background check. We also require that all volunteers attend a Protecting God's Children workshop within the first six months of volunteering. This is for the safety of the children of our parish.

| Formation | Day Offered | Time | Location |
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| Sunday School | Sunday | 9:30am | DK Room |
| Nursery | Sunday | 9:30am | DK room |
| Grades 1-6 | Monday | 4:45-6:15pm | SH |
| Grade 6 | Wednesday | 6:45-9pm | SH |
| RCIC | Sunday | After any Mass | SH |
| Family Catechesis | 1 Saturday per M | 2:30-6pm | FLC |
| Liturgy of the Word | Sunday | 9:30-10:30am | MR |
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“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” Mt 5:16