

# Church of St. Michael



## Faith Formation Handbook 2010-2011

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## What is St. Michael Faith Formation?

The Faith Formation Program  
as one of the many ministries of the  
***Church of St. Michael ...***

is committed to carrying out the Parish Mission Statement.

Using the Parish Mission Statement as our framework, the Faith Formation Staff and Committee “put into words” three BELIEFS – written to give direction to our ministry ... (based on a document from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops)

### **Belief 1: Catholic Faith Formation ... it’s about discipleship**

- Proclaim the Good News of Jesus through witness and word to all people
- Enable people to live as disciples through their involvement in service, ministry, and leadership opportunities

### **Belief 2: Catholic Faith Formation ... it’s about connection**

- Be a community that welcomes all people, values their participation, and calls forth their gifts
- Integrate people into the liturgical, pastoral, and ministerial life of the Church of St. Michael
- Promote Catholic identity and religious literacy through programs of catechesis

### **Belief 3: Catholic Faith Formation ... it’s about gifts and growth**

- Enable all individuals to develop a personal relationship with Jesus
- Support families and individuals by providing resources, programs, and services
- Provide opportunities to experience and express caring, service, and compassion for others

# **FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS**

## **PRESCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN**

- Classes meet during the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses on Sundays
- Classes meet in the Education Center/School
- Curriculum: Pflaum Gospel Weeklies – *Seeds & Promise*

## **1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

- Classes meet from 5:00-6:00pm or 6:30-7:30pm on Wednesdays
- Classes meet in the Education Center/School
- Curriculum: *Call to Faith*

## **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade class meets from 5:00-6:00pm on Wednesdays
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade class meets from 6:30-7:30pm on Wednesdays
- Classes meet in the Education Center/School Gym
- Curriculum: *Edge by LifeTeen* – Includes speakers and small group discussion

## **9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION**

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade meets from 6:00-7:15pm on Wednesdays
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade meets from 7:30-8:45pm on Wednesdays
- Classes meet in the Archangels Hall
- 8 hours of Mission Outreach completed each year
- Curriculum: *LifeTeen* - Involves speakers and small group discussion

## **11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

- Sunday sessions at 12:00pm (Noon), in the Holy Grounds Coffee House
- Curriculum: *LifeTeen*

- Students may also serve as small group leaders for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade programs

## **LIFE TEEN FAMILY MASS**

- Sunday evenings, 5:00pm, Church of St. Michael
- November 7, 2010, December 5, 2010, January 2, 2011, February 13, 2011, March 6, 2011, and April 3, 2011

## **ADULT**

### **• US Catholic Catechism Study**

This will be offered on Tuesdays from 9:00-10:30am and repeated on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm. For more information, please check the parish website or call Laura Shupe at 447-2486, ext. 104.

### **• Church History**

The study, which consists of video and large group discussion, will meet on Fridays from 9:00-11:00am starting on September 10, 2010.  
Cost: \$12/person.

### **• Small Faith Sharing Groups**

Sharing Groups consist of 6-12 adults who meet for 1 ½-2 hours to discuss a specific topic or the Sunday readings.

## **FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

- In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children, the Archdiocese of Minneapolis and St. Paul offers training sessions for all volunteers having regular and/or unsupervised contact with children, young people, and/or vulnerable adults. This program specifically addresses how entire parish communities can protect all people from sexual abuse. This program is called VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children. The program consists of a three-hour session and a take home booklet; it is a REQUIRED (one-time attendance) program for all volunteers in Faith Formation.
- Volunteers are required to have a (one-time) Archdiocesan background check on file.
- Volunteers are required to sign a Code of Conduct.

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# **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS**

## **BAPTISM**

- For those children up to age 4 years, please call the Parish Office to get information about the baptism class and dates of the sacrament's celebration
- For those children age 5 and older, please call Laura Shupe at 952-447-2486, ext. 104

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION**

- Children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older are invited to participate and receive
- Curriculum: *Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation*
- Celebration of the Sacrament:  
Sunday, November 14, 2010, 2:00pm

## **FIRST EUCHARIST/COMMUNION**

- Children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older are invited to participate and receive
- Curriculum: *Call to Celebrate: Eucharist*
- Celebration of the Sacrament:  
Saturday, May 7, 2011, 5:00pm Mass;  
Sunday, May 8, 2011, 8:30am Mass, 10:30am Mass,  
2:00pm Mass

## **CONFIRMATION**

- This is a 2-year program beginning in 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- Celebration of the Sacrament: March 5, 2011,  
at the Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

- This process is for those interested in joining the Catholic Church
- Those adult Catholics who need to complete their sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and/or Eucharist)
- Sessions are held on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30pm

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC)**

- This is a process for children/teens that are not baptized and are interested in joining the Catholic Church. For more information, please call Laura Shupe at 447-2486, ext. 104.



Party, Welch Village Ski Lock-in, Catholic Heart Work Camp, weekly gatherings at the Coffee House

## MINISTRY PROGRAMS

### CHILDREN

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
This liturgical experience is open to children ages 5 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. It is offered during the school year at the 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday Masses.
- **Early Catholic Family Life**  
This program is for parents and their children (ages 3-5 years old). It provides activities for parents and children (to do together) and discussion on topics (for parents only). The program takes place in three 1 ½ hour sessions. For more information, please contact Laura Shupe at 447-2486, ext. 104.
- **Vacation Bible School**  
Join us for SonSurf: Beach Bash VBS on August 1-5, 2011, in the Education Center/School. It is open to those children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. Registration materials will be available in March 2011.

### YOUTH

Every month we have different Youth Ministry events happening for grades 6-12. Some examples of these service and social activities are as follows:

- **Grades: 6-8**  
Feed My Starving Children, Minnesota Harvest, Overnight Retreats, Bowling, Winter Blast and Chillfest Lock-Ins, Summer Stretch, Ski club, Water Park Trips
- **Grades: 9-12**  
Respect Your Elders, Oktoberfest, Christmas Caroling, Sleigh Ride at Rock Isle, Cup of Tea with Grandma, Bowling/Movie Night, Super Bowl

### YOUNG ADULT

We are excited to announce a new group at St. Michael for young adults ages 21-39, both married and single. If you or someone you know is interested in being part of this group, please contact Hannah at [hwoldum@stmichael-pl.org](mailto:hwoldum@stmichael-pl.org) or Melissa at [mcarlson@stmichael-pl.org](mailto:mcarlson@stmichael-pl.org) or call the Parish Office at 952-447-2491.

### ADULT AND FAMILY

- **Social Activities:** St. Michael Day – Tuesday, September 28, 2010, from 6:00-8:00pm  
Mardi Gras – Tuesday, March 8, 2011 – 6:00-8:00pm.  
Check the bulletin and parish website for other events and offerings, i.e., small faith-sharing groups, Bible studies, etc.
- **Book Club** discussions are held in the Parish Office Building from 9:30-11:00am and repeated at 7:00-8:30pm.  
Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – *Tobacco Road*  
Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – *The Gift of Grace*  
Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – *The Templars*  
Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> – *The Arms Maker of Berlin*
- **Cana Dinner:** Join us on Saturday, October 30, 2010, after the 5:00pm Mass, for this celebration of marriage.  
Cost: \$25/couple includes Dinner and Speaker
- **Women's Morning of Reflection** will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2011; Cost is \$15/person.
- **Parish Library** – Open before and after weekend Masses, Wednesdays from 8:00-9:00am, and Thursdays from 5:00-7:00pm

**Please visit the parish website:**

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**for information on current/updated events and dates!**

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration materials are available in the Parish Office. The Faith Formation Staff will make every effort to place parish families as class availability and size allows.

For more information, please call the Faith Formation Office: (952)447-2486.

### **TUITION (per child)**

Preschool and Kindergarten: \$90  
Grades 1-6: \$120  
Grades 7 and 8: \$145  
Grades 9 and 10: \$195  
Home Study (grades 1-5 only): \$40/child  
Tuition Maximum per family: \$400

### **RETREAT FEES**

Reconciliation and Eucharist: \$30  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Quest Retreat: \$35  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat: \$125-\$145

### **PAYMENT**

Payment options are available. No individual will be denied participation in Faith Formation due to financial difficulties; Please contact the Parish Business Office (952)447-2491 for information on Tuition Grants.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

The Faith Formation Staff will make every effort to meet the special needs of all individuals, including: learning, behavioral, physical, medical, etc ... Please indicate Special Needs in the space provided on the registration form.

## **GUIDELINES AND POLICIES**

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

If the public schools are cancelled due to bad weather, we will also cancel classes. If severe weather develops after public schools have been dismissed, announcements regarding cancellations will be on our parish website at [www.stmichael-pl.org](http://www.stmichael-pl.org) or on the local television stations.

## **PROGRAM DISCIPLINE POLICY**

Respect for catechists, other students, adult volunteers, parish and school property is expected of ALL students. Expectations regarding behavior will be shared with students at the beginning of the year. Students need to be mutually encouraged and reinforced by parents, catechists and coordinators. Disciplinary action for students who do not follow guidelines and expectations must be taken with regard for all parties concerned.

**Step 1**—Minor infractions will be handled by the catechist in an appropriate manner. Parents will be notified if the behavior persists.  
**Step 2**—Repeated infractions or a series of infractions will be dealt with in a similar manner and brought to the attention of the appropriate Faith Formation Coordinator and the student's parent(s).  
**Step 3**—Continued violations or a serious violation which would be harmful to the catechist, other students or the student involved, may result in suspension from class. Home study materials will be made available for students who are unable to handle classroom situations.  
**Step 4**—In a situation in which a student could harm the catechist, other students, personal or parish property, or themselves, the student will be restrained or isolated. Police may be called if deemed necessary. Parent(s) will be contacted immediately.

### **DRUGS/ALCOHOL/SMOKING**

The possession, manufacture, sale or delivery of alcohol, drugs or any other controlled substance on parish/school property is strictly forbidden. Parents will be notified immediately and suspension may occur. Prescription medications are to be construed as exceptions to this policy when used by the individual for whom they were prescribed and in the manner and amount prescribed. The Faith Formation personnel will not supervise the administration of medicine, except in extraordinary circumstances which must be approved in advance by the Faith Formation office.

### **NO WEAPONS POLICY**

We are committed to maintain an environment that is free of violence or any threats of violence, which compromise the safety and well-being of our participants. In keeping with this commitment, firearms or other weapons of any nature are forbidden on our premises at all times.

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**CALENDAR**  
**PRE-SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN**

**Sundays during the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses**

September 22	6:00pm Opening Family Mass-All Grades
September 26	P&K Open House- 9:45am—No Class St. Michael Education Center/School
October 3	Regular class times
October 10	Regular class times
October 17	Regular class times
October 24	NO CLASS – MEA
October 31	Regular class times
November 7	Regular class times
November 14	Regular class times
November 21	Regular class times
November 28	NO CLASS – Thanksgiving
December 5	Class 10:30am only
December 12	Class 10:30 am only
December 19	Class 10:30 am only – Christmas Program
December 26	NO CLASS – Christmas Break
January 2	NO CLASS – Christmas Break
January 9	Regular class times
January 16	Regular class times
January 23	Regular class times
January 30	Regular class times
February 6	Regular class times
February 13	NO CLASS
February 20	Regular class times
February 27	Regular class times
March 6	Regular class times
March 13	Regular class times
March 20	NO CLASS – Spring Break
March 27	NO CLASS – Spring Break
April 3	Regular class times
April 10	Regular class times
April 17	Regular class times – Last class

**CALENDAR**

**GRADES 1-6**

**Grades 1-5: 5:00-6:00pm or 6:30-7:30pm**

**Grade 6: 6:30-7:30pm**

September 22	6:00pm Opening Family Mass-All Grades Open House—Meet your Catechist-Grades1-6 (Following Mass) Education Center/School
September 29	1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Graders have regular class 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade NET Retreat-4:00-7:00 pm Church

**HOMESTUDY PARENT INFORMATION MEETING**

(For families choosing NOT to attend Wednesday classes and completing CALL to FAITH curriculum at home)  
 This meeting will be held Thursday, September 30, 6:30-7:30pm, in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Education Center/School. Materials will be distributed.

October 6	Regular class times
October 13	Regular class times
October 20	NO CLASS- MEA
October 27	Regular class times
November 3	1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Graders have regular class 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Movie Night 4:30-7:30pm School
November 10	Regular class times
November 17	Regular class times
November 24	NO CLASS – Happy Thanksgiving!
December 1	Regular class times
December 8	NO CLASS - Holy Day of Obligation Feast of the Immaculate Conception Please celebrate Mass <i>as a Family</i> ---7:00pm
December 15	Regular class times
December 22	NO CLASS- Merry Christmas!
December 29	NO CLASS – Happy New Year!
January 5	Regular class times
January 12	Regular class times
January 19	1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders have regular class 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade-Speaker 7:00pm - Church
January 26	Regular class times
February 2	Regular class times
February 9	1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders have regular class time 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Concert 7:00-8:30pm Church

## **CALENDAR GRADES 1-6 (Cont.)**

February 16	Class-Faith Formation Reconciliation 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders have regular class; 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders meet at 6:00pm, in the church, <u>with a parent/adult</u> , to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
February 23	Class-Faith Formation Reconciliation 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders have regular class; 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders meet at 5:00pm, in the Church, to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
March 2	Regular class times
March 9	NO CLASS- ASH WEDNESDAY Please attend the 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service as a family!
March 16	Regular class times
March 23	NO CLASS- Spring Break!
March 30	Regular class times
April 6	Stations of the Cross 1 <sup>st</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation 6:00-7:00pm (Church)
April 13	Regular class time
April 20	Closing Class

### **1<sup>st</sup> RECONCILIATION**

Sunday, November 14, 2:00pm

### **1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION**

Celebrated during the weekend of:

Saturday, May 7, 5:00pm Mass

Sunday, May 8, 8:30 and 10:30am Masses

Sunday, May 8, 2:00pm

## **CALENDAR GRADES 7 AND 8**

### **Grade 7: 5:00-6:00pm Grade 8: 6:30-7:30pm**

September 22	6:00pm Opening Family Mass- All Grades
September 29	4:00-7:00pm NET Retreat 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades - Archangels Hall
October 6	Regular class times
October 13	Regular class times
October 20	NO CLASS
October 27	Regular class times
November 3	Regular class times
November 10	Regular class times
November 17	Regular class times
November 24	NO CLASS – Happy Thanksgiving!
December 1	Regular class times
December 8	Holy Day Mass with family- NO CLASS
December 15	5:00-7:00pm – Both grades Special Event - Gym
December 22	NO CLASS – Merry Christmas!
December 29	NO CLASS- Happy New Year!
January 5	Regular class times
January 12	7:00-8:30pm Both grades Special Speaker- Church(This class is about the life of Gianna Jessen, Gianna's mother tried to abort her but she was delivered alive in a Los Angeles County abortion clinic. Her medical records state, "born during saline abortion". Because of this, she has Cerebral Palsy. Gianna talks about her life and forgiveness. Please attend with your child, if you choose to send them to this class.)
January 19	7:00-8:30pm – Both grades Special Speaker in the Church- Joseph Jennings
January 26	Regular class times
February 2	Regular class times
February 9	7:00- 8:30pm – Both grades – Concert in the Church – Steve Angrisano
February 16	Regular class times
February 23	5:00-6:00pm –Both grades in the Church
March 2	Regular class times
March 9	NO CLASS – Ash Wednesday
March 16	Regular class times
March 23	NO CLASS – Spring Break
March 30	Regular class times
April 6	6:00pm-7:00pm – Both grades – Special Event in the Church
April 13	Regular class times
April 20	5:00-6:00pm - Both grades- LAST CLASS

## **CALENDAR GRADES 9 AND 10**

**Grade 9: 6:00-7:15pm    Grade 10: 7:30 – 8:45pm**

September 22	6:00pm Opening Family Mass – All Grades
September 29	7pm – Parent-Teen Night – both grades
October 6	Regular class times
October 13	7:00pm – both classes combined
October 20	NO CLASS
October 27	Regular class times
November 3	Regular class times
November 10	Regular class times
November 17	Regular class times
November 24	NO CLASS – Happy Thanksgiving!
December 1	Regular class times
December 8	6:00pm – both classes together
December 15	Regular class times
December 22	Regular class times
December 29	NO CLASS – Merry Christmas!
January 5	7:00pm – both classes combined
January 12	7:00pm – both classes combined
January 19	7:00pm – both classes combined
January 26	Regular class times
February 2	Regular class times
February 9	7:00pm – both classes – Concert
February 16	Regular class times
February 23	6:00pm - both classes
March 2	6:00pm – both classes
March 9	6:00pm – both classes combined
March 16	Regular class times
March 23	NO CLASS – Spring Break
March 30	Regular class times
April 6	6:00pm – both classes combined

## **CONFIRMATION RETREATS**

QUEST, TEC, and NET are retreat experiences that combine prayer, reception of sacraments, small group discussions, presentations, games, recreation time, great food, skits, and a few surprises ...

### **Grade 9**

#### **QUEST Retreat**

**All 9<sup>th</sup> graders; MUST ATTEND a QUEST Retreat**

QUEST Retreat – November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2010

QUEST Retreat – December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2010

QUEST Retreats are held in the Church of St. Michael Archangels Hall/Church

### **Grade 10**

#### **TEC or NET Retreat**

**All 10<sup>th</sup> graders; MUST ATTEND either a TEC or NET Retreat**

TEC or NET – see Confirmation calendar for dates

### **Parent Retreats**

**ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS** (*but especially those who have a 9<sup>th</sup> and/or 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation child*) are invited to participate in a **Parent Retreat**.

The retreats are held in the Archangels Hall/Church.

Women's Retreat – November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2010

Men's Retreat – November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2010

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