



ST. MICHAEL
Catholic Church • Grand Ledge

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

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2019-20
HANDBOOK

VIRTUS training for volunteers

Note: Our parish participates in the VIRTUS Program, Protecting God's Children. All who work with children are to complete the requirements set forth by the Diocese of Lansing, including a background check and attending a Protecting God's Children session. For further information on what is required, please see the Diocese of Lansing website www.dioceseoflansing.org or contact Teri Marshall 627-8493 or terimarshall@stmichaelgl.org.

Sessions offered in the area:

St. Michael Parish, Grand Ledge - September 21st, 9:30-12:00

(Siena Room)

St. Gerard, Lansing - TBA

Other dates/locations TBA

The mission of St. Michael Religious Education and Formation Program is to reflect the teachings of Jesus through Word, Sacrament, and Deed; to empower parents as the primary educators of their children; and to support and encourage the adults, teens, and children of our Parish to grow in knowledge and love of our Lord so they may fully respond to God's Word throughout their lifetime.

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STUDENT/PARENT GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

1. Students are expected to attend all classes scheduled. **If a student is going to be absent**, we ask parents to notify the parish office and leave a message for the Coordinator of Child & Family Ministry. **If your student misses consecutive classes**, you will either get an email or receive a phone call to check in. **Late arrivals and early dismissals** disrupt class for everyone so we appreciate parent efforts to avoid this whenever possible.
2. Any **special events** listed on the calendar are considered to be a regular part of the Religious Education Program (e.g., Family Nights, Reconciliation, Youth Masses).
3. If arranged by the catechist, social service activities, **field trips**, and other events in which a class may be involved are an important part of a comprehensive process of faith formation. Students are expected to participate in these activities.
4. Any **special projects** assigned by the catechist are considered part of the class requirements. Students need to complete these and turn them in as indicated. Often these will involve both children and parents.
5. Students are expected to treat **school and church property** with respect. Any student who intentionally or carelessly causes damage to property will be expected to compensate for the damage and may be removed from the class.
6. Students are expected to exhibit **behavior** appropriate to a Christian learning environment. Any student who is disrespectful to other students or catechists/aides, rowdy, refuses to participate in an appropriate manner, or otherwise disrupts class, will have their parents notified, and possibly asked to be present at the next class, if student behavior is consistently inappropriate.
7. Students are discouraged from bringing cell **phones** to class. If they have them they are expected to be off. If a student is caught using their cell phone it may be taken by the catechist and not returned until a parent comes to pick it up.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have a child with special needs, please do not hesitate to let us know. We will work with you to make sure your child receives the appropriate attention, whether in the general classroom or individual instruction.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Dropping Off Children

1. If you have a child in grades K-6, pull up to the main school entrance and drop your child off on the passenger side and proceed to exit the parking lot.
2. Once inside the building, children are to wait in the hall by their classroom if there is not a teacher present. **Children cannot be in classrooms unsupervised.**

Picking Up Students in grades K-6

1. All parents are required to come into the building to pick up their student at the completion of class. After parking, please enter the school and wait in the hallway in front of the school office for the bell to ring. When the bell rings, please go to your child's classroom and sign your child out. **Students will not be released until you sign them out of their classrooms.**
2. Please exit the parking lot with caution! We have a lot of parents and students coming and going.
3. **Please do not come into the parking lot and block the entrance of the school waiting for your child.** If there is an emergency and you need to get your child immediately, call ahead and we will have your child waiting for you.

Safety Drills

St. Michael Religious Education Program performs tornado, fire, and lock-down drills to ensure the safety of your children. We also train our catechists to know the proper procedures for various types of emergencies.

K-6 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

4:30-5:45pm

Mondays in the School

CURRICULUM

Our first through sixth grade curriculum is based on Alive IN Christ (www.osv.com). While each classroom is unique in their Religious Education, opportunities are provided for the students to meet in prayer as a community. Each month, a different class leads the group prayer. In doing this, the children are exposed to a variety of types of prayer. Children will also celebrate Advent/Lent Reconciliation in December and March.

There are several opportunities for families to be a part of Religious Education. There are two Family Nights in which you are asked to join your child/children during class. In Advent, we do a service project in which Christmas donations are collected and wrapped in shoeboxes for children whose mothers receive assistance from Shared Pregnancy in Lansing. In March, to get ready for Lent, we will have a Family Lenten Night where children and families will do an activity to prepare for Lent. The year will end with a Marian Celebration and Ice Cream Social in May. **Please feel free to join us at any time during the year.**

CALENDAR

September	9	Class 1 + Parent Meeting
	16	Class 2 + Fire Drills
	23	No class—Parish Mission—Special "Kids' Track" offered
October	30	Class 3
	7	Class 4 + Safe Sheep
	14	Class 5
	21	Class 6 + 6th grade Prayer Leaders
November	28	Class 7
	4	Class 8 + Adoration
	11	Class 9 No class—Veteran's Day
	18	Class 10
December	25	No Class/Thanksgiving
	2	Class 11 Family Advent Night
	9	Class 12 + 5th grade Prayer Leaders
	16	Class 13
January	23	No Class/Christmas
	30	No Class/New Year's Eve
	6	Class 14
	13	Class 15 + 4th grade Prayer Leaders
February	20	No Class/MLK
	27	Class 16
	3	Class 17 + 3rd grade Prayer Leaders
	10	Class 18
March	17	No Class/Winter Break
	24	Class 19
	2	Class 20
	9	Class 21 Family Lenten Night
April	16	Class 22
	23	Class 23 + 2nd grade Prayer Leaders
	30	No Class/ Spring Break
	6	Class 24
May	13	Class 25
	20	Class 26 + 1st grade Prayer Leaders
	27	Class 27
	4	Class 28 Marian Celebration/ Ice Cream Social

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

New This Fall 2019!

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a unique approach to Faith Formation, founded in both Sacred Scripture and



Liturgy, and rich with the spiritual teachings and traditions of the Church. The Catechesis proclaims the message of Jesus to children in an age-appropriate, hands-on, and engaging learning environment. The image of the Good Shepherd helps the children understand that our God is a loving and caring God who takes care of His children like a shepherd tends to his sheep.

In 1954 the Catechesis began in Rome in the Catholic Church through the pioneering effort of two amazing women: Sofia Cavalletti, a prominent Hebrew scholar, and Gianna Gobbi, an accomplished Montessorian. Since that time, the Catechesis has spread around the world and across many denominations.

This program will be offered in the fall of 2019 and is intended for 3-6 year old children. Updates and other information about the program will be posted on our stmichaelgl.org website.

Registration costs \$30 per child and CGS will be offered Mondays from 4:30-5:45 p.m. and Tuesdays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

(Visit cgsusa.org for the national website)

K-6 FAMILY HOME STUDY

Every 2nd Thursday of the Month
6:00 pm in the Siena Room

CURRICULUM

Family home study, an alternative to traditional afterschool Religious Education, is a strong, parent-lead program that uses Our Sunday Visitor's, Alive in Christ Curriculum (aliveinchrist.osv.com). Families complete each unit at home using the provided lesson plans and online resources before joining the large group of registered families for monthly sessions. This allows for children to receive instruction at home and still be in community with other Catholic families and peers.

Large group activities include:

Service projects, prayer services, group activities, speakers, and review.

CALENDAR

September 12th

October 10th

November 14th

December 12th

January 9th

February 13th

March 12th

April 16th (last session moved to third Thursday due to Holy Thursday on April 9)

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 1ST RECONCILIATION ^{AND} EUCHARIST

For all 2nd grade+ students who attended
St. Michael School or Religious Ed in 2018-19

All students wishing to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist must attend Religious Education *the year prior to and the year of the sacrament*. The actual sacrament formation is done through a family centered program. This family centered program, which includes orientations and workshops, is required as preparation for each sacrament. In accordance with diocesan guidelines, all students will prepare for Reconciliation prior to preparation for First Eucharist.

If your child is past the usual sacrament year of 2nd grade, please contact Jennifer Nelson to make arrangements for Reconciliation and Eucharist preparation.

New this year: Please fill out the Sacramental Form if your child is preparing for First Reconciliation and Eucharist in 2019/2020 online at stmichaelgl.org.

CALENDAR

Reconciliation

September 19—Parent Orientation

October 17—Parent/Child Workshop I

November 21—Parent/Child Workshop II

December 5—1st Reconciliation Celebration-Church, 6pm

Eucharist

January 16—Parent Orientation

February 20—Parent/Child Workshop I

March 19—Parent/Child Workshop II

April 30—Pictures and Practice-Church, 6:00pm

May 2— 1st Eucharist Celebration-Church, 4:30 pm OR

May 3—1st Eucharist Celebration-Church, 8:30 am, 11:00 am

Parent orientation and workshops are held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

7TH-9TH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

6:00-7:30pm ~ Sundays in the School

September	8	Class 1
	15	Youth Mass @ 6pm
	22	Class 2—Parish Mission
	29	Class 3
October	6	Class 4
	13	Class 5
	20	Class 6
	27	Class 7
November	3	No Class—H.S. Youth Conference
	10	Class 8
	17	Class 9—Thanksgiving Baskets
	24	No Class—Thanksgiving
December	1	Class 10
	8	Class 11
	15	Class 12—Blanket Making
	22	No Class—Christmas
	29	No Class—Christmas
January	5	Class 13
	12	Class 14
	19	No Class—MLK weekend
	26	Class 15
February	2	No Class—Super Bowl
	9	Class 16
	16	No Class—Presidents Day
	23	Class 17
March	1	Class 18
	8	Class 19
	15	Class 20
	22	Class 21
April	19	Youth Mass @ 6pm

Youth Mass is a way for families to come together and worship the Lord on His day! Students will also have the opportunity to help with one or more Masses (serve, read, etc.), and our musically inclined students are especially encouraged to join our Youth Band.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CONFIRMATION

For all 9th grade+ students who attended St. Michael School or Religious Ed in 2018-19, or attend Lansing Catholic H.S.

All students wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation must attend Religious Education or be enrolled in our school *the **year prior to** and the **year of the sacrament***. The actual sacrament formation is done through a family centered program. This family centered program, which includes orientations and workshops, is required as preparation for each sacrament.

If your child is past the usual sacrament year of 9th grade, please contact Anthony Fisher to make arrangements for Confirmation preparation .

CALENDAR

October 19

Candidate/Sponsor Workshop, 1:30-4:30 pm
Fellowship Hall
Rite of Enrollment at 4:30 Mass

December 27-29

Retreat at Bethany House in Dewitt, MI

May 17

Rite of Sending at the 11:00 am Mass

May 31

The Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary Cathedral at 2:30 pm. (Details about practice to come.)

ST. MICHAEL YOUTH

Summer 2019

Summer Mission Trip

9th-12th

The Mission Trip will provide an opportunity to serve in many ways for a week in July. Areas of service could include painting, assisting in nursing homes, cleaning up neighborhoods, assisting

November 3

High School Youth Conference

9th-12th

Lansing Catholic High School

How many high school youth believe what you believe? Thousands! Come to this awesome, day-long event and see for yourself.

March 29-April 3 (2020)

Habitat for Humanity

8th-12th

The Youth Group is going on a spring break mission trip in 2019. We will be working with Habitat for Humanity in Jackson, MI. This week includes working with the wonderful staff at Habitat for Humanity, fun free time, prayer, fun day with Habitat, and great times. We will stay at the beautiful Camp de Sales in Brooklyn, MI.

June 14-19 (2020)

Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp

9th-12th

Bethany House in DeWitt

Interested in learning how to lead others to Christ? Check with our youth minister for information on how to sign up for this coming summer's DYLC. St. Michael Parish will cover a percentage of registration costs.

YOUTH GROUP

This is open to all teens in 9th-12th grades. This is a time for faith, fellowship, friends, fun, and food. Join us in the Siena Room!

2019 Summer Calendar

July 7	6-8pm
July 15, 29	6-8pm
Wk of July 22	Lansing Area Youth Mission Trip
August 5, 12	6-8pm

2019-20 School-Year Calendar

September 8	6-8pm
September 15	6pm Youth Mass
September 22	6-8 pm Parish Mission
September 29	6-8pm
October 6, 13	6-8pm
October 27	1:30-3:30 pm Pick-a-Peck for People at Country Mill
	6-8 Halloween Party
November 3	High School Youth Conference at Lansing Catholic High School
November 10	6-8pm
November 17	6-8pm Thanksgiving Baskets
December 1, 8, 15	6-8pm
January 5, 12, 26	6-8pm
February 10, 24	6-8pm
February 16	6-9pm Movie Night
March 8, 15, 22	6-8pm
March 29-April 3	Habitat for Humanity
April 19	6pm Youth Mass w/ Ice Cream Social
April 26	6-8pm
May 9-10	Carnation sale at Masses
May 19	6-8pm
June 7	Graduation Breakfast after 8:30 Mass
June 9, 23, 30	6-8pm

CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN

The Catholic Church has a special process for those interested in becoming Catholic called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Here at St. Michael Parish (and parishes throughout the world) this process has been adapted for children and is intended for families with children who have never been baptized and/or have never received First Eucharist.

It is an especially moving process as children discover at a young age the wonderful gift that God has given us in Christ through his Church. If you know families with children who have not received the sacraments of initiation, we encourage you to inform them of our process and pass on to them our contact information.

The process will begin in late September. Please contact Jennifer Nelson at 627-8493 ext. 14 for more information and to schedule an interview before classes begin, or if you have questions about Christian Initiation for Adults.

TUITION

NEW: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (see article on p. 7).

3 – 6-year-old = \$30 per child

For K-6 Religious Ed and Family Home Study

K student = \$30

Scale for Grades 1-9

1 student = \$90; 2 students = \$170; 3 or more students = \$235

15% discount if you register by July 29th!

Tuition Statements and Payment

Receive monthly statements by email.

All balances due by March 15th.

Tuition assistance is available—see page 16.

SCRIP PROGRAM

Earn rebates toward your Religious Education tuition!

Scrip is simply a word that means "substitute money." In other words, Scrip is gift certificates from national and local retailers. Hundreds of popular retailers participate in our Scrip program including Meijer, Shell Gas, Speedway, Cuginos and many, many others. The program is simple. Scrip participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Families, like yours, buy the certificates for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and **you** and our school share the difference/rebate. Our school retains 14%, which goes towards the annual school budget and helps to cover expenses to run the program; you keep the remaining 86%. Scrip rebates are applied to your account monthly and are not refundable.

For example:

<u>Gift Cert.</u>	<u>Card Amount</u>	<u>Rebate Amount</u>
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Meijer	\$100	\$3.00
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(\$2.58/ 86% of rebate to family; \$0.42 = 14% of rebate to St. Michael School)

The beauty of *Scrip* is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money towards your tuition and/or fees without spending an extra penny. *Scrip* can be used for just about any household purchase including groceries, gasoline, dining out, entertainment or even to pay some bills.

St. Michael Parish offers easy options to purchase your gift certificates:

- Online at www.Shopwithscrip.com. Purchasing online gives you the flexibility of purchasing from hundreds of different retailers. Many of the certificates purchased can be loaded instantly and reloaded electronically once a physical card is purchased. Please contact the Parish Office for our enrollment code.
- Cash and Carry/On-Hand at the parish office.

Enrollment is open to everyone; grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbors, family/friends living out of the area, etc. If you would like to begin earning rebates towards your tuition/fees or would like more information, please contact Scrip coordinator, Kathleen Krancich, at 517.643.0223 or by email at kathleenmk@gmail.com.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

We have never turned anyone away from religious education and formation who has a desire to learn about and grow in our Catholic Faith. If you need assistance in paying for religious education and formation for your children, please call or write a letter to Jennifer Nelson or Anthony Fisher explaining your needs.

ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES

St. Michael Parish school-sponsored teams participate in the Lansing CYAC during the school year in girls volleyball and boys & girls basketball. Open to grades 5, 6, 7, & 8.

Eligibility for RE Students:

St. Michael Parish Children who are not St. Michael Parish School students are eligible to participate if there are open spots, provided they are currently registered in our religious education program, and in good attendance at time of registration. Once open spots have been determined, the Religious Education Director will forward an email to those students currently participating in our religious education. RE students register on a first come, first serve basis. A completed registration form, player fee, and signed back page of athletic handbook must be turned in on the day of registration in order to be accepted. Any registrations turned in after the date will be placed on a waiting list.

For the complete handbook & information, please see our School's Athletic webpage at:

school.stmichaelgl.org/school-information/athletics

or you can contact St. Michael School Athletic Director Dawn Goodman at dawngoodman@stmichaelgl.org.

