



2011-2012

CCD Registration Materials

EMMANUEL CCD

CCD begins September 10th, 2011

Goal of the Religious Formation Program:

Emmanuel's Religious Education program is designed to supplement, not replace, the foundation of faith that must be first laid out in the home. The parish will provide all of the necessary resources to aid families in creating genuine Catholic homes. Families are highly encouraged to attend the program together and engage each other in conversation about the day's lessons. Through the program, the entire family will have the opportunity to grow in love and knowledge of the Holy Trinity.

Curriculum

The catechetical program for the K-8 grades uses the Faith and Life series from Ignatius Press. This series has been selected due to the depth and orthodoxy of the material provided. It can be challenging, but through proper guidance, children will be able to excel in their knowledge of God. Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has said that Faith and Life is "the best catechetical series in the German language." We of course, use the English version! Other materials are used as supplements to the basic text.

Our Continuing Formation program for grades 10-12 and adults, which occurs during the CCD program on Saturdays, uses various videos and texts in an atmosphere of communal discussion and learning.

Special Events

Throughout the 2011-2012 year, there will be various opportunities for non-traditional learning. Please see the parish calendar for the events offered this year. A copy of the calendar will be available in the back of the church and on our website by September 1.

Class Times

Our CCD program meets on Saturdays from **9:30 to 11:00 am**. Classes for the children are held in the school building, next to the Rectory. Adult Education is held in the church basement. The entrance is located on the left of the church building. *Please make sure to arrive on time so that classes can begin promptly.*

Parent Participation and Expectations

Parents are highly encouraged to attend the Continuing Formation Classes offered during the CCD program. Religious education is not for just a portion of life, but is to be life-long. There is also a great need for volunteers to assist with CCD. Please fill out the Volunteer Information portion of the registration form if you are interested in assisting with the program.

It is the **responsibility of the parent** to ensure that the children are attending the CCD classes. *It becomes very difficult for our volunteer catechists to prepare and teach lessons when only a few children are regularly attending classes. It is not fair to other students who must wait for the rest of the class to catch up, and it is not fair to your own child who is in the process of growing in the faith.*

Parents are asked to contact the Office of Religious Education to report the absence of their children. This can be done by either calling the church office at 228-2013 and leaving a message or emailing the Director of Religious Education at jpoppeDRE@gmail.com. This is designed to ensure the safety of all children.

Student Expectations

As a parish community, a great deal of planning and resources have been devoted to making the Religious Education program a success. We measure success by how we all grow in love and knowledge of our Lord.

All students are expected to respect the property and safety of others, be courteous, and follow the directions of all catechists and volunteers.

They are also **expected to attend all classes and arrive on time** so as to not delay the learning of the other children. If an absence is necessary, parents are asked to notify the Director of Religious Education.

Emergency/Weather Closings

In times of inclement weather, parents should check the parish homepage at www.emmanuelcatholic.com to determine if CCD has been cancelled. You may also tune to WDTN, Channel 2, or WHIO, Channel 7 for a listing. Closures are also broadcasted on WHIO AM-1290 and K99.1FM. **Finally, all homes will receive an automated phone call if your current phone number is on file.**

The Troubadour

The Troubadour is the monthly newsletter published by the Office of Religious Education. It will be made available on the first Saturday of the month. Students will receive a copy to bring home. Any news or announcements that you would like to add need to be submitted two weeks prior to the end of the month. Extra copies will be available in the back of the church, or on our website at emmanuelcatholic.com

First Communicants

Parents are **strongly** encouraged to attend class with their 2nd grade children and enter more deeply into the mystery of the Eucharist together. There are also a series of parent meetings that will take place during the regularly scheduled CCD classes. A calendar will be mailed to families with First Communicants in September. Please contact John Popp, or our second grade catechist, Cynthia Upp, for more information.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Emmanuel Parish traditionally celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation every other year. Since we had Confirmation in the Spring of 2011, our next scheduled reception of this Sacrament is in **2013**. Please see the Director of Religious Education with any questions.

First Saturday Devotions

Participants will join in the Rosary on First Saturdays in honor of our Blessed Mother. First Saturday Masses are available at Emmanuel at 7:30AM and at St. Joseph Parish at Noon. While not typically an education day, students and parents are highly encouraged to attend and participate in the devotions to strengthen their own faith, the faith of our parish community, and reinforce to the children our need for constant prayer.

For More Information

Please contact the Office of Religious Education with any questions or concerns that you may have. Emmanuel's website will be updated continuously with information concerning parish and religious education functions. Visit the website at www.emmanuelcatholic.com.

Religious Education Schedule

September 10, 2011	Classes Begin
November 26, 2011	Thanksgiving Break - No Class
December 17, 2011	Last CCD class before Christmas/ Christmas Party
January 7, 2012	Classes Resume
April 7, 2012	Holy Saturday - No Class
April 14, 2012	Classes Resume
May 5, 2012	May Crowning Celebration

Please Note:

Due to Fr. Angelo just beginning his pastorate of Emmanuel Parish, the full sacramental calendar for Religious Education was not available at the time of printing. The calendar will be available on September 1, 2011 both in the back of the church and on our website.

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