

# LNMV Catholic Education Center



## Retiring Our Building Debt and Maintaining Our Education Facility

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### LNMV Religious Education Program

The Mission of the LNMV religious education program is to work in partnership with parents to provide a strong Catholic culture in which we teach our children to know Jesus and His Church through classroom instruction, prayer, scripture, Sacraments, and building community that in turn encourages an active participation in their faith and in the mission of the Catholic Church.

Our Religious Education Program is a collaborative effort among our three parishes to provide a quality Catholic education for our students. Classes are held at the Catholic Education Center in Webster on Wednesday nights.

*"We often equate the CEC with Holy Cross because they are the primary users of the building, but this building is not just Holy Cross, it really is our tri-parish education center. So it's important we don't lose track of that and think that care of the building should fall on the shoulders of the school. Rather, it is the responsibility of all of us, including all involved in religious education who use the building every week too for classes and growth in faith."* Father VanDenBroeke

Students from all three parishes leaving class.



Grade 7 classroom taught by RE volunteer Chris Kuehl

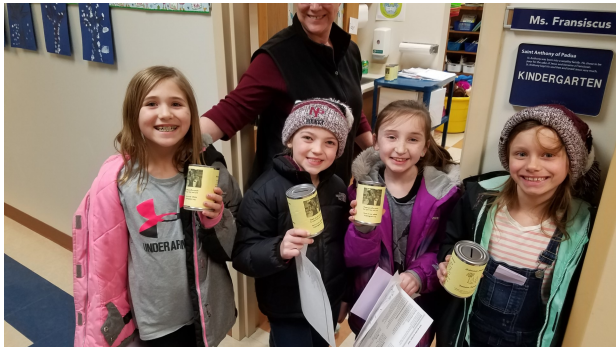
*"Truly, I am not sure what the parishes would do without this beautiful building, we would not have room for all the students at any one of the campuses. There have been years where this building was NOT big enough for just one night and we are at capacity currently. This building and collaboration with Holy Cross Catholic School is vital to the families that have chosen the public school but still place a high value on having a good Catholic education program for their children."* Kathy Chlan

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## Curriculum

Students in grades 1-8 use the *Faith and Life* series published by Ignatius Press. Confirmation students have guided lessons in preparation to receive the sacrament.



Excited 3<sup>rd</sup> graders ready to start the Lenten almsgiving.

## Prayer

All students participate in prayer each Wednesday. In addition, they are taught specific prayers at each grade level and are expected to be proficient in those prayers by February, when they are tested by their teachers. Families have access to these prayers and expectations through the parent-student handbook available each year.



Grade 9 - First year Confirmation class. Father Barnes teaches with the assistance of RE volunteers Tom McCabe and Sara Bertram.

## Sacrament Preparation

Religious education students in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are prepared to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion through their religious education classes and a workshop for each sacrament. The sacraments are received at the parish in which their family is registered. Confirmation is a two-year program typically beginning in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year they are confirmed at one of the Archdiocesan designated locations.

## Catechist Preparation

Each catechist participates in a workshop prior to the start of the school year. They are also provided a manual for their grade level and multiple resources in print, video, and online to help them be the best catechist for your children.



2019 RCIA Candidates

## What is RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is an extended period of evangelization (developing a relationship with Jesus Christ), catechesis (instruction in the faith), and spiritual formation (deepening in faith) in the Roman Catholic Church. Although it is primarily the process by which people become full members in the Roman Catholic Church, RCIA welcomes serious inquirers at all levels of knowledge, faith and intent--in other words, you do not need to feel like you're ready to become Catholic before you begin RCIA. Ultimately, though, the process culminates in the reception of one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.



Grades 1 - 5 gathered in gym to learn more about Lent and the Penny Power Lenten project.

Call Kathy Chlan at (952) 652-6100 ext. 101 if you have any questions about LNMV Religious Education Programs.