



ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL

Faith Formation

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2026-2027 PARENT & STUDENT HANDBOOK

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FAITH FORMATION OFFICE (920) 725-0660

To come to the Faith Formation Office (and to classes), please enter from the West parking lot. The office is the first door on your left, and the classrooms are located in the school building.

Office Hours:		Class Times:	
Monday	9:00 am - 3:30 pm	Grades 1-6	Wednesday from 4:30-5:40 pm OR 6:00-7:10 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am - 3:30 pm	Grades 7-8	Wednesday from 6:00-7:10 pm OR 7:30-8:40 pm
Wednesday*	9:00 am - 8:45 pm	Grade 9-10	Wednesday from 7:30-8:40 pm
Thursday	9:00 am - 3:30 pm	Confirmation	Wednesday from 7:30-8:40 pm
Friday	9:00 am - 1:00 pm		
		Grades 7-10	Two-Week Summer Option: July 13-17 & 20-24, 2026 M-F from 9:00 - 11:34 am <i>or</i> 4:00 - 6:34pm Instead of taking classes during the school year. <i>**Registration closed Monday, July 6, 2026.</i>

* During scheduled classes, otherwise until 3:00 pm

Faith Formation Team

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FAITH FORMATION FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

The objective of the Faith Formation Program of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish is to **assist parents** in the religious upbringing of their children by **providing Faith Formation and sacramental preparation** for students in Grades K-11. And especially in the **Upper Middle & High School grades**, our program exists to help parents in the **shaping of youth as disciples** (i.e., friends and followers) of Christ, and to **set them up for an adult life** lived in harmony with God.

We recognize that the **family plays the primary role** in the Faith Formation of children. Our role is to **partner** with the family to see that each student in our care is educated about and immersed in his or her Catholic faith. We believe that parents, catechists, the pastor, parish staff, and the entire faith community are **all vital** to the process of catechesis and the nurturing of faith in our young people, for their own flourishing and well-being, and for the good of the Church's mission to share Jesus.

Thank you for enrolling your children in the St. Gabriel Faith Formation Program!
We encourage you to review the Faith Formation Family Partnership Guidelines below with your family. We look forward to a great year of Faith Formation ahead!

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Led by the Holy Spirit, Saint Gabriel the Archangel is a Catholic community that invites all to the joy of the Gospel, inspires a deep love for Jesus, and accompanies them as sons and daughters of God into the heavenly Kingdom.

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN PARENTS AND PARISH

The purpose of the St. Gabriel Faith Formation Program is to help shape the student as a disciple (i.e., a friend and follower) of Christ, and to set him or her up for an adult life lived in harmony with God.

When your child was baptized, he or she began an intimate relationship with Jesus. Your child became one of Jesus' disciples and a member of our Church family. At Baptism you assumed the awesome responsibility to nurture and support your child's growth in discipleship, and it is our honor to support you and your family in your faith journey. We recognize that every student and every family has individual needs, questions, and desires. We encourage questions and conversation, and we will work hard to earn your trust as we build up our faith community.

As a parent, you are the first teacher of faith to your child, and they will learn the most about their faith from you. The Faith Formation Program at St. Gabriel the Archangel seeks to support your efforts at home, and we ask that you keep us informed of any questions or concerns that may arise throughout the year. Everything we do, at every grade level, has this goal in mind:

Children will discover that each person is special; made in the image and likeness of God, and that all life is a gift from God, who loves us and has a unique plan and purpose for each of us.

In order to achieve this goal, parents/guardians agree to:

- *model the faith we seek to share with our children;*
- *participate regularly in the Eucharist and other parish celebrations with our children;*
- *provide opportunities in the home for our children to experience family prayer, the celebration of religious and family traditions and works of care and service to others;*
- *ensure that our children regularly attend classes, Masses and special Parish events planned for them.*
- *participate in the parent sessions as outlined and scheduled;*
- *cooperate with our children's catechists and maintain open communication with them*

PLEASE complete the 2026-2027 PARENT FORM: <https://forms.gle/Y2wZt9jGyELbdqXGA> Thank you!

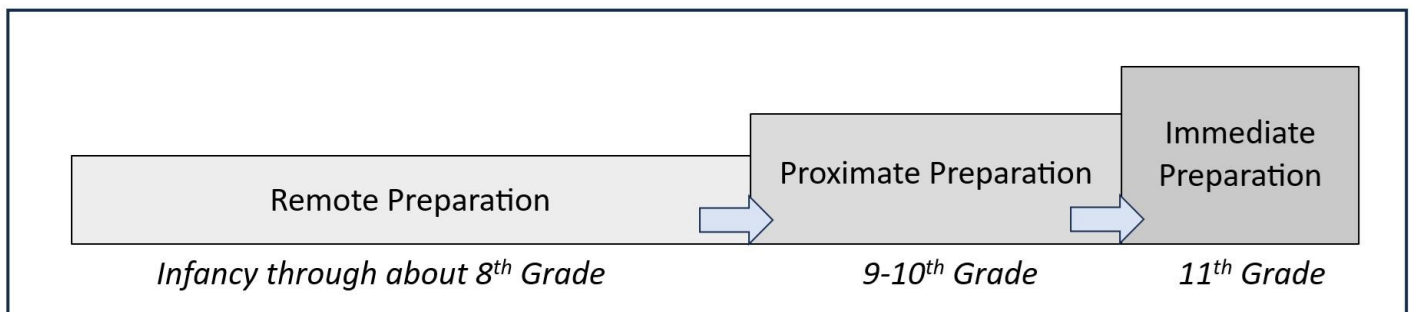
As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to give us a call or send an email. We would be happy to hear from you, and we look forward to growing in faith together!

OUR APPROACH TO FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION

Raising children and youth in the practice of the Catholic faith, and preparing them to receive the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) is a *joint effort* between parents and the parish.

Preparation for Confirmation, specifically, is a multi-year endeavor because it's about ***forming a human person to be a lifelong friend and follower of Our Savior***. Confirmation is about taking on a way of life and committing oneself to a set of values, principles, beliefs, and practices that guide and shape everyday life as an adult in the world.

Because of this, preparation for Confirmation happens in **three broad stages** throughout a person's early life: *remote*, *proximate*, and *immediate* preparation.



Infancy through Grade 8

REMOTE Preparation for Confirmation

The formation of children as disciples of Christ is handled ***primarily by the parents and the Catholic culture they create within the home***. Children learn the faith by the everyday example their parents give them.

- This time is focused on building good habits of faith (for example: learning and practicing forgiveness, kindness, self-esteem, respect for others, awe and wonder of God and creation, language, giving time for prayer, participating in Sunday Mass, how to converse with peers vs adults, being thankful, and the like).
- These years also involve a cumulative learning of the basics of the Catholic faith, including basic prayers. The parish Faith Formation program exists to help parents with this catechetical work, which builds upon itself year-after-year in faith formation, from Kindergarten onward.

Grades 9 & 10

PROXIMATE Preparation for Confirmation

The formation of youth as disciples of Christ is still under the care of parents and shaped by the everyday example they give of Catholic living. But now ***the students and the parish community begin to build a bond between themselves*** that begins to shape them *also* to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in a couple of years.

This time of disciple formation and Confirmation preparation is focused on bringing the student into the life of the wider Church. In addition to class sessions, this time of preparation includes:

- individualized projects that call forth the student's God-given abilities and interests
- beginning to build a relationship with church leaders as mentors in the faith
- deeper exploration of faith topics already touched on in younger ages
- the selection of a Confirmation name and sponsor

Grade 11 (Confirmation Class)

IMMEDIATE Preparation for Confirmation

The formation of youth as disciples of Christ and as candidates for Confirmation is handled primarily ***between the student, his/her sponsor, and the parish***. This time of preparation is focused on:

- the Sacrament of Confirmation itself and its lifelong effects
- deeper catechesis regarding Baptism and the Eucharist and their lifelong effects
- the ritual of Confirmation and the signs and symbols the student will encounter
- more intensive personal spiritual reflection
- writing a letter to the Bishop, expressing the student's desire to be confirmed
- a Confirmation retreat
- the student's formal request to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation
- an informal "Confirmation conversation" to talk about faith and how the student views his or her upcoming adult life as a confirmed Catholic

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

The Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) are only *partially* about gaining head knowledge of the faith. They're more fundamentally about taking on the mind and heart of Christ, and living as a friend and follower of his in the world as a member of his Catholic Church.

The Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) are **sacraments of the Church** and, as such, the preparation for these sacraments and the celebration of them are the **responsibility of the local parish and its pastor**. This means that, regardless of where a student attends day school (i.e., public school, Catholic school, or home school), sacramental prep and celebration happens through the **parish**.

If your child is over the age of 7 and has not been baptized, please contact Sara Van Frachen, Evangelization Coordinator, at the Parish Office (722-4914) for sacramental preparation.

Any child or student who has not received these sacraments at the customary times (Grade 2 for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation, and Grade 11 for Confirmation) may do so by contacting Tina Peirick in the Faith Formation office.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The practice in the Diocese of Green Bay is to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) prior to receiving First Communion. This means that most children will prepare in Grade 2. The preparation program begins in **October** with a meeting for parents. We use the textbook, [Signs of Grace: You are Forgiven](#). A handbook is given out to help families prepare for the celebration. The children are prepared at home and in Faith Formation sessions. Please consult the calendar for dates of meetings and the celebration of First Reconciliation.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Children in Second Grade and older who have not received Communion and have been baptized are eligible for First Eucharist, provided they have completed at least one year of Faith Formation. The preparation program begins in **January** with a meeting for parents. The textbook will be distributed, as well as a handbook for parents to help families prepare for the celebration. The children are prepared at home and in FAITH FORMATION sessions. Families will select a Mass time on a designated weekend to celebrate the sacrament. It is expected that children will have completed Grade 1 (or at least one year, if an older student) in FAITH FORMATION, Catholic School or another setting prior to beginning preparation for First Eucharist. This gives the child better grounding in and knowledge of the faith, learning and memorization of prayers, etc.

CONFIRMATION

All students **MUST** have participated successfully in two years (Grades 9 & 10) of Faith Formation at the parish or at a Catholic High School. The proximate preparation for Confirmation happens during 9th and 10th Grades, while the immediate preparation for Confirmation happens during 11th Grade. Please see "PROGRAM FOR GRADES 7-11," above for more information on *proximate* and *immediate* preparation. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation happens according to Bishop Ricken's schedule. **The Confirmation Mass will be at 7:00pm on Saturday, April 17, 2027, held at St. Mary in Menasha in a joint celebration with St. Mary & St. John Parishes.**

REGISTRATION

PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION

Registration for **all grade levels** is done through the parish website. Please go to stgabrielparish.com. Under “Faith Formation,” go to “Faith Formation Registration.” Scroll down to “Program Registration - 2 steps,” and complete each of the 2 steps by clicking on the two registration buttons.

Confirmation students:

When you go to Step 1 of registration (“Entering basic family information into the Faith Formation database), you should indicate your grade as “11th Grade,” which will indicate to us that you are in the Confirmation class.

PROCEDURE FOR WITHDRAWAL & TUITION REFUND

If you will be withdrawing from the Faith Formation program for any reason, please contact the Faith Formation Office **by email to** tpierick@smcatholicschools.org. Simple non-attendance will not qualify as a withdrawal. We will follow the schedule below for tuition refunds if proper notification is given as stated above:

Before September 31	Full refund of tuition/Sacrament prep fees
Oct 1 - Nov 15	3/4 refund of tuition/Sacrament prep fees
Nov 16 - January 1	Half of tuition refunded
Jan 2 - March 1	1/4 refund of tuition
After March 2	No Refund

HOME STUDY

Home study for Faith Formation classes is available for families who cannot attend regular Faith Formation classes. This option is available upon request and acceptance by the Faith Formation staff. A contract for home study (available at the Faith Formation Office) must be filled out and returned. Students in the home study program must meet with a Faith Formation staff person on a regular basis to share progress. Home-study families are expected to attend all family events listed in this handbook. Regular tuition & fees apply. **Home Study is not offered for 2nd Grade and 11th Grade because of sacramental preparation happening during those two grade levels.**

CLASS POLICIES & PROCEDURES

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to attend scheduled classes consistently to be given credit for that year. **If a student will be absent from class, parents or guardians please contact the Faith Formation office before class time by email** tpierick@smcatholicschools.org **or by phone (920) 725-0660.** Make-up work can be arranged with the program coordinator for the student’s grade level.

Students should be outside their classroom door a couple of minutes before class begins—but should **NOT** enter the classroom if his or her catechist is not there yet.

ENTRANCE AND DISMISSAL

ALL students in Grades 1-11, please enter and exit through the West doors (Green Bay Road parking lot).

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Our Faith Formation Program is partly about classes, and it's partly about taking on the values and practices of the Catholic faith—not only in a worship setting, but in everyday interactions with others. And such, students will be expected to be considerate and respectful of catechists, other students, and parish property. Classroom teachers/catechists will explain any classroom expectations at the beginning of the school year.

CANCELLING CLASSES

If the NEENAH public schools or St. Mary Catholic Schools are cancelled or let out early due to weather, Faith Formation classes for that evening will be cancelled. If Faith Formation classes are to be cancelled for any other reason, we will try to make that decision by 2 p.m. on the day of, and communicate it via Flocknote, text, and email, and post the cancellation on the St. Gabriel website. Regardless, parents are the judge of whether or not it's safe to be driving in hazardous weather.

STUDENT SAFETY

AWARENESS

Please read the following information on **Parking Lot Safety** below and look at the map carefully. All drivers and students are asked to **be aware**, so as to avoid any accidents.

Also, please do not block the entrance to the parking lot or school. This is a fire lane.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

- **ENTER** the parking lot from Green Bay Road or the lot *entrance* on Geiger Street.
- **EXIT** the parking lot *only* onto Geiger Street.
- There is **NO PARKING** in the area in front of the school doors. If you are parking your car, please do so in the normal spots designated for parking.
- **BE AWARE** of any pedestrians making their way to and from the building and vehicles. This is especially important during the Fall and Winter months when it gets dark earlier and/or the parking lot is slippery.
- Students should **NEVER RUN FREELY or unattended** through the parking lot.

Please communicate any safety questions or concerns to Tina Peirick at tpeirick@smcatholicschools.org.

PERSONAL SAFETY

All students can expect to be in a safe and hospitable place when at St. Gabriel Parish. There is no tolerance for bullying or other un-Christian behavior. Any students who experience this from others should please report this to Tina Peirick and their parents.

PARKING MAP



SUPERVISION & SECURITY

Students will be supervised during all class times by an adult volunteer or member of the Faith Formation staff. Additionally, our building security includes an electronic entry system and camera access. Doors should not be propped open and left open without a Faith Formation volunteer or staff member present at the door.

Students are not to be dropped off more than 15 minutes before class, and must be picked up promptly after class. Please contact the Faith Formation Office if your child will be early or late for drop off or pick up. We are not responsible for students outside of class times. We suggest younger children be escorted to/from their classroom by parents or an older sibling.

NO ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS OR WEAPONS

Any use or possession of alcohol, non-prescription drugs, or weapons on St. Gabriel Parish property is **strictly prohibited**. This prohibition will be strictly enforced by St. Gabriel Parish.

NO SMOKING

St. Gabriel Parish is a smoke-free, tobacco-free facility. No smoking is allowed on parish property. This prohibition will be strictly enforced by St. Gabriel Parish.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

As part of the nationwide effort to maintain safe environments for children, youth, and vulnerable adults, a specialized training program is required by the Diocese of Green Bay for all parish and school staff and volunteers. Additionally, all parish and school staff and volunteers are required to complete a background check and supply three to five references.

Safe Environment Classes for Students: During the course of the year, parents can expect that their children will have at least one hour of instructional time devoted to protective behaviors for themselves. While some of the material is similar to what is mandated and offered in the public school setting, the content also emphasizes our dignity as children of God, and a Catholic understanding of healthy relationships. All materials presented are age-appropriate.

For more information about these efforts, you can visit the Green Bay Diocese's website at gbdioc.org and follow the "Protect and Report" link; or contact Tina Peirick, Faith Formation Coordinator; or Anne Greif, Parish Business manager and LoSEC (Local Safe Environment Coordinator).

TUITION, FEES AND FUND-RAISING

TUITION

The majority of the budget for the Faith Formation Program is subsidized by the parish. We ask that you, as parish members, help supplement the cost of tuition through your sacrificial giving. Parents are asked to pay 25% of the total cost of the program with the parish paying the remaining 75%. The budget includes textbooks, teaching supplies, office supplies, audio-visual materials, teacher training, capital outlay, salaries for Faith Formation staff, plus 15% of the operating cost of the building.

Tuition is \$140.00 per child for parish members with a maximum of \$420.00 per family.

We ask that all tuition be paid by April 1, 2027. Anyone who needs more time, or assistance with payment, can contact Tina Peirick at the Faith Formation office (920) 725-0660. Any requests for exemptions will be held in the strictest confidence.

RETREAT AND MATERIALS FEES

For students receiving Sacraments, there is a fee to cover the costs of additional materials and retreats. While there is no fee to receive the actual Sacraments, these fees help us to provide the best preparation experience for each student. **No student can be denied a sacrament due to preparation costs**, and there is assistance available for those who may need it. Please contact Tina Peirick at (920) 725-0660 for additional information.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks in **Grades 1-6** are on a book rental system. Texts can be taken home after every class but remain the property of the Faith Formation program. All textbooks are to be returned at the end of the school year. A charge of \$20-\$25 will be assessed for a lost or damaged book.

For **textbooks used in Grades 7-10 and Confirmation (Grade 11)**: we encourage our students to "own" them, to make notes in them, to take them home (and bring them back each week!), and to **keep them** as future reference as they grow in the knowledge of their Catholic faith.

Fundraising/SCRIP CREDITS

St. Gabriel Parish offers Scrip – a year-round fundraising benefit for all St. Gabriel families and parishioners!

Here's how Scrip works: Purchase gift cards for your favorite retailers at face value through raiseright.com or the RaiseRight app. The retailers give specified rebates back to St. Gabriel and 80% of those rebates can be directed to family tuition accounts, school programs or our parish. The remaining 20% is used to cover expenses associated with the Scrip program and as a SMCS fundraiser for tuition assistance.

Faith formation families have two options to earn tuition credit.

1. **ONLINE RAISERIGHT:** Faith formation families earn 80% of the profit generated by their purchase when they order online or through the RaiseRight app. Each retailer offers their own discount so tuition credit varies depending on what you purchase. See how to create an online account below.
2. **IN STOCK PURCHASE:** Faith formation families earn 2% tuition credit on every Scrip purchase from in stock purchases – for example: purchase \$100 of gift cards (gas, grocery, etc.) and earn \$2.00 tuition credit; \$400 purchase = \$8.00 credit. Scrip can be purchased in the parish office during the week or at the Scrip desk after weekend Masses. Just be sure to circle "faith formation" on your purchase form. It's that easy! Payment can be made by cash or check and the credits can add up quickly.

Enroll today and start earning Scrip credit toward faith formation tuition, sacramental fees, or mission trips.

Set up your Scrip Account:

1. **Create your online Scrip account** and search participating retailers by downloading the RaiseRight app.
2. Click Sign Up and then Join a program where you will input this enrollment code: SMCS Enrollment code C3A5L2A81144
3. **Set up your payment type.** Authorize online payments from your bank account for fast and convenient checkout with a \$0.29 transaction fee or credit cards are now accepted at checkout for a 2.6% transaction fee.
4. **Fill out the Scrip User Agreement** and return it to the parish office or scan/email to: luhlenbrauck@smcatholicschools.org in the SMC Business Office. This tells us where you want your cards delivered and where you want the credits to go.
5. **Shop HUNDREDS of retailers; use Scrip for purchases big and small!**

<https://www.raiseright.com/shop>

Place your first order online... or better yet, on the app! Orders must be placed by Mondays by 9 a.m. to have your physical cards delivered to your selected location by noon on Thursdays. Electronic gift cards and reloads will be available for immediate use if paid using an online payment option.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM FOR GRADES K-6

Grade K/1

Goals: That the child discovers that each person is called through Baptism to be a disciple of Jesus and a member of God's family, recognizes that God is Creator of all, learns about Jesus and how to live as Jesus did, and experiences the Church as God's Family.

Parents' Responsibilities

1. Teach your child these prayers:
 - Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, (Our Father) Lord's Prayer, & Glory Be
2. Pray spontaneously as a family at meals and/or bedtime, birthdays, etc.
3. Attend weekend Mass and celebrate Sundays and special family and church feasts.
4. Read/tell Bible stories and listen to the children re-tell them.

Book: *We Believe* published by Sadlier

Grade 2

Goals: That the child discovers that each person is called as a disciple of Jesus to love, forgive and serve others, understands that Jesus is the fullest expression we have of how much God loves us, understands that Baptism and Eucharist are two of the Church's Sacraments of Initiation and discovers that forgiveness and reconciliation are important parts of the Church's life.

Parents' Responsibilities

1. Attend weekend Mass and participate actively with your child.
2. Participate in the parish's preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion
3. Participate in the retreat for First Reconciliation and the parent/child meeting and retreat for First Communion
4. Celebrate your child's First Reconciliation and First Communion
5. Read/tell the story of the Last Supper
6. Review prayers listed under Grade 1 Parent Responsibilities

Book: *We Believe* published by Sadlier and Sacramental Preparation Books through Augustine Institute.

Grade 3/4 Components Combined Class

Goals: That the child learns that disciples live, celebrate and serve within the People of God, deepens his or her understanding of the Trinity, realizes that he or she is called to follow Jesus as a member of the Catholic Church.

Parents' Responsibilities

1. Help your child experience and observe the work of parish ministers.
2. Involve your child in a shared service activity.
3. Attend Sunday Mass and actively participate with your children.
4. Attend Reconciliation with your child.
5. Read and tell Bible stories and listen to your child share these stories in his/her own words.
6. Review the prayers listed under the Grade 1 Parent Responsibilities and The Apostle's Creed

Book: *We Believe* published by Sadlier

Grade 5/6 Components Combined Class

Goal: That the child becomes a disciple of Jesus Christ, learns that we meet Jesus in the sacraments, prays as Jesus taught us to pray, celebrates that Jesus is present in the sacraments, learns to love the Mass chooses to love and serve as Jesus did, shares in the Church's mission by giving witness to their faith and lives out the sacraments by being faithful and inviting others to follow Jesus.

Parents' Responsibilities

1. Help your child understand and memorize the Nicene Creed.
2. Attend weekend Mass and other liturgical celebrations.
3. Take an active part in the sacraments of our Church.
4. Discuss issues of peace and justice with your child.
5. Continue to pray with your child.

Book: *We Believe* published by Sadlier

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM FOR GRADES 7-11

7th & 8th Grade Components Combined Class

1. Weekly Sunday (or Saturday pm) Mass. Attendance will be noted.
2. In-person catechesis on Wednesdays. Textbook by Midwest Theological Forum.
3. Periodic knowledge assessments.
4. Demonstration of standard Catholic prayers.

By the end of 6th Grade:

Sign of the Cross

Hail Holy Queen

Apostles Creed

Our Father

St. Michael Prayer

Stations of the Cross

Hail Mary

Fatima Prayer

Nicene Creed

Glory Be

Mass Responses

Prayer Before Meals

Act of Contrition

Guardian Angel Prayer

Memorare

During 7th Grade: *Mysteries of the Rosary*

During 8th Grade: *The Divine Praises*

9th & 10th Grade Components Combined Class

1. Weekly Sunday (or Saturday pm) Mass. Attendance will be noted.
2. In-person catechesis. Textbook by Midwest Theological Forum.
3. Periodic knowledge assessments
4. "Romans 12 Project"--4 hours per school year (see pg 14)
5. Beginning Confirmation Preparation:
 - The selection of a Confirmation name (by mid-year 10th Grade)
 - The selection of a Confirmation sponsor (by mid-year 10th Grade)
 - Introduction to Confirmation as a Sacrament of Christian Initiation
6. Demonstration of standard Catholic prayers:

Those prayers listed above in Grades 1-8.

During 9th Grade: *The Anima Christi* and the *Angelus*

During 10th Grade: Be able to lead the *Rosary*

11th Grade (CONFIRMATION) Components

1. Weekly Sunday (or Saturday pm) Mass. Attendance will be noted.
2. In-person Confirmation classes. Program by Ascension Press.
3. “Romans 12 Project” --4 hours per school year (see below)
4. A Confirmation Retreat
5. Student’s Request to Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation
6. A Letter to the Bishop
7. A “Confirmation Conversation” (a Confirmation Interview)
8. Demonstration of standard Catholic prayers

Those prayers listed above in Grades 1-10.

During 11th Grade: The *Divine Mercy Chaplet*

For more detailed program information

For Grades 7 - 11, visit:

stgabrielparish.com/cfc/high-school

Romans 12 Project – 4 hours per school year

The “Romans 12 Project” is an opportunity for students in Grades 9-11 to prayerfully consider the gifts and interests God has blessed them with, and how their own giftedness can be exercised **as members of the one Body of Christ** for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

Students in Grades 9-10 and Confirmation (Grade 11) will complete 4 hours per school year toward a **Romans 12 Project**. Students may work together, but each student is responsible for his or her own 4 hours.

By the end of September of each school year, the student will present his or her **Romans 12 Project** ideas/plans to the Faith Formation Office for approval, using the [Romans 12 Project](#) Form via the webpage above.

** Please see the [Romans 12 Project Idea Sheet](#) via the webpage above for project ideas based on student interests.

Keep in mind for next year:

Alternative 2-Week 2027 Summer Intensive Program for Grades 7-10, for the 2027-28 Formation Year

Because of busy schedules, St. Gabriel will offer a 2-week Summer Intensive Program for 7-10th Graders as an alternative to weekly Wednesday evening classes during the school year.

The textbooks and materials used will be the same as those used during the regular school year, and the number of instructional minutes is the same as during the regular school year. For these reasons, there is no change in tuition from that of the regular program schedule.

If a student/family opts for the Summer Intensive Program, please note that the other components of the program (for example: Sunday Mass, Romans 12 Project, knowledge assessments) will **still** take place during the regular school year since they happen on a student's own available time.

Class Schedule for 2027 Summer Intensive Program

Dates: TBD in Spring 2027

Times: Either 9:00 – 11:34 am each day or 4:00 – 6:34 pm each day

Because of the small number of class sessions during the Summer Intensive Program, no absences, planned or otherwise (other than sickness), will be allowed during the two weeks of the program.

The Summer Intensive Program does not apply to Confirmation students, because the period of immediate Confirmation Preparation is less oriented to lecture-style classes, and is more geared toward spiritual reflection and personal preparedness to receive a sacrament.