**Children’s Faith Formation (CFF)**

2016-2017 Calendar

*Subject to Change*

Please note:

CFF classes include

* Ongoing faith formation classes for children age 4 to grade 8;
* Sacramental preparation classes for First Reconciliation and First Communion (ages 7 through 9);
* RCIA classes for children ages 9 through 18 pursuing Baptism and Confirmation and/or First Communion,
* The Faith Mentors class for children with special needs.

*CFF classes do not include preparation for Confirmation for youth (ages 16 through 18).*

Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLW) occurs during the Noon Mass most Sundays during the CFF year.  Young people are invited to the Cathedral Chapel for their own Liturgy of the Word.  The Bible readings, reflection, and prayers that occur in CLW are adapted especially for children ages 4 – 12.  Young people then rejoin their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

RCIA dismissals occur during the Noon Mass from November, 13, 2016 to May 7, 2017. Only children in RCIA participate in dismissals.

All children and youth are invited to take an active role in the opening procession of the Noon Mass one or two Sundays per month.

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**2016**

September

10 – All-CFF team meeting (9-1)

11 – All-CFF gathering; CLW

18 – All classes meet; CLW

25 – All classes meet; CLW

October

2 – All classes meet; children’s procession during the Noon Mass

8 – Faith Mentor training (9-1)

9 – All classes meet; CLW

16 – All classes meet; CLW

23 – All classes meet; CLW

29 – Sacramental Preparation retreat (9-1)

30 – All classes meet; infant baptisms during the Noon Mass

November

6 – All classes meet; children’s procession during the Noon Mass

13 – All classes meet; RCIA Rites of Acceptance and Welcome during the Noon Mass, RCIA Dismissal

20 – All classes meet; CLW; RCIA Dismissal; Wreath-making event?

*27 – Thanksgiving weekend; no classes, no CLW, no RCIA dismissal*

December

4 – All classes meet; children’s Advent procession during the Noon Mass; RCIA Dismissal

11 – All classes meet; CLW; RCIA Dismissal

18 – All-CFF gathering; CLW; RCIA Dismissal

*25 – Christmas Day; no classes, no CLW, no RCIA dismissal*

**2017**

January

*1 – New Year’s Day; no classes; no CLW; no RCIA dismissal*

*7 – CFF Epiphany Party (10-2)*

8 – All classes meet; children’s Epiphany procession during the Noon Mass; RCIA Dismissal

*15 – No classes;* Santo Niño procession during the Noon Mass; *no RCIA dismissal*

22 – All classes meet; CLW; RCIA Dismissal

28 – Sacramental Preparation retreat (9-1)

29 – All classes meet; CLW; RCIA Dismissal

February

5 – All classes meet; CLW; RCIA Dismissal

12 – All classes meet; CLW; RCIA Dismissal

*19 – No classes:* CLW during the Noon Mass; RCIA dismissal

26 – All-CFF gathering; children’s Farewell to Alleluia procession during the Noon Mass; RCIA Dismissal; Fat Tuesday party?

March

5 – All classes meet; CLW; RCIA Dismissal

6 – RCIA Rite of Election (7:00pm)

12 – All classes meet; CLW; RCIA Dismissal

18 – Sacramental Preparation retreat (9-1)

19 – All classees meet; CLW; RCIA Dismissal

25 – First Reconciliation (10am)

26 – All classes meet; RCIA Scrutiny during the Noon Mass; RCIA Dismissal

April

2 – All classes meet; Youth Stations of the Cross *following* the Noon Mass; RCIA Dismissal

9 – All-CFF gathering; children’s Palm procession during the Noon Mass; RCIA Dismissal

*13 – Holy Thursday (6:00pm)*

*14 – Good Friday (6:00pm)*

*15 – Easter Vigil (8:30pm)*

*16 – Easter Sunday; no classes, no CLW, no RCIA Dismissal*

23 – All classes meet; children’s Divine Mercy procession during the Noon Mass; RCIA Dismissal

29 – Sacramental Preparation retreat (9-1)

30 – All classes meet; CLW; RCIA Dismissal

May

*7 – First Communion; no classes, no CLW, no RCIA dismissal*

14 – All classes meet; children’s Tribute to Mary during the Noon Mass

21 – All classes meet; CLW

*28 – No classes;* CLW

June

4 – All classes meet; children’s Pentecost procession during the Noon Mass; Pentecost party?

11 – CFF Team meeting; All-CFF gathering; CLW

18 – Corpus Christi procession (10AM Mass)

July

*17-21 – Art of Faith Camp*

*23 – Feast of St James*

September 2017

9 – All-CFF team meeting

10 – All-CFF gathering; CLW