

Student Absences

If a student will be absent from class, please e-mail Ricci Vuyancih at rvuyancih@st-gabriel.org

Fees: One child: \$ 60.00 (additional children) \$55.00

No student will be turned away due to the inability to pay.

Early Leave

If a student must leave during class time for an appointment, student's catechist or program coordinator must be notified.

Doors

The back door of the Learning Loft will be unlocked $\frac{1}{2}$ hour prior to our start time (9:30 AM) and locked at 10:15 AM. Doors will reopen at 10:50 AM for dismissal. Should you wish to enter the building between times, kindly use the doorbell to the left of the door and someone will buzz you in.

Emergency Closing

If class is cancelled for any reason (i.e. bad weather) you will be contacted by a member of the program. This call will occur either the night before, or the morning of class.

Safety Procedures

Students must be walked into the building by their parents or guardian. Parents or other authorized adult must come into the building to pick-up their child(ren). If someone other than a parent/guardian picks up a student, student's catechist or program coordinator must be notified.

Virtus Training

In compliance with the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland's Policy of the Safety of Children in Matters of Sexual Abuse (the "Policy"), all employees and volunteers at St. Gabriel involved in Youth Faith Formation who have contact with children have completed a volunteer application form, have been subjected to an Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Identification fingerprint criminal records check; and have been properly screened in accordance with the Policy. Each has attended a three-hour long VIRTUS training session focused on child abuse prevention and on the procedures for reporting suspected child abuse to the proper authorities. In addition, all employees and volunteers are required to be familiar with the safety procedures covered in our parish safety policy. Young people aged 14-17 serving as Jr. Assistants need to be fingerprinted by the parish.

Empowering God's Children®

The Diocese of Cleveland remains committed to protecting children and young people who are entrusted to our care. Beginning the 2024 – 2025 Academic and Ministry Year, the Diocese of Cleveland is requiring use of *Empowering God's Children®* in all parish faith formation programs and Catholic Schools. This program will replace Praesidium's Called to Protect. "Empowering God's Children," is a safety prevention program provided by Virtus and designed specifically for youth grades K-12. As caring adults, we have the great responsibility of ensuring the safety of children and youth. The prevention of child sexual abuse requires more than adult awareness, education, and training about the nature and scope of the problem. We must also give children and youth the tools they need to help us keep them safe by educating them regarding boundaries, safe and unsafe behaviors and healthy relationships.

Anna Lee, our St. Gabriel Safety Coordinator will provide all necessary training and instruction of this NEW program to our catechists. Families will be receiving a program overview and a Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide for review. Program lessons will be presented to our youth in the Winter/Spring of 2025 during regular class times. Prior to this date a detailed letter and opt-out form will be sent out.

Reporting Policy

If you know, believe or suspect that a child under eighteen years of age or a person under twenty-one years of age with a developmental disability or physical impairment that has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound injury, disability, or conditions of a nature that indicates abuse** or neglect of the child you SHALL

- 1) Immediately report your suspicion to Lake County Department of Job & Family Services @ 440-350-400 or 440-918-4000 and/or the local municipal police department and/or Lake County Sheriff's Department at 440-350-5620. If a child's welfare or safety is in imminent danger call 911
 - 2) Immediately notify your Principal or Program Coordinator that a report has been made, or jointly make that call together.
 - 3) After reporting your suspicion to civil authorities, report your suspicion to the diocese's Victim Assistance Coordinator at response.services@dioceseofcleveland.org or 216-334-2999 if the suspected abuser is a priest, deacon, religious, seminarian, representative, employee or volunteer of the diocese or of any parish or diocesan entity.
- **examples include, but not limited to, physical abuse, sexual abuse and emotional abuse

Confidentiality: The details of suspected and /or reported abuse are to be kept strictly confidential to the extent reasonably possible and should only be shared as necessary to comply with one's reporting obligations and the Policy.(reviewed and approved by Kevin T. Burke, General Counsel for the Diocese of Cleveland—Mar 15, 2021)

St. Gabriel Parish
9935 Johnnycake Ridge Road
Concord, OH 44060
440-354-7551

Classes held on Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Mission Statement: We are all welcome in our Church, together we share God's vision, and understand the Jesus wants ALL children to come to him to experience his joy.

Through our program, students with physical, intellectual, or emotional challenges are taught Catholic Christian beliefs and prepared to receive Sacraments in a teaching environment that helps them to succeed.

Fr. Fred Pausche, Pastor
Mrs. Regina Skrtic - Parish Catechetical Leader
Mrs. Pattie Ritt - Coordinator
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Mrs. Ricci Vuyancih - Administrative Coordinator
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09/7/2024	Open House	Learning Loft Great Room
09/14/2024	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
9/21/2024	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
9/28/2024	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
10/5//2024	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
10/19/2024	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
10/26/2024	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
11/2/2024	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
11/16/2024	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
11/23/2024	Class Thanksgiving Celebration	Learning Loft Great Room
12/7/2024	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
12/14/2024	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
12/21/2024	Class Christmas Celebration	Learning Loft Great Room
1/11/2025	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
01/18/2025	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
01/25/2025	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
02/01/2025	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
02/8/2025	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
02/22/2025	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
02/23/2025	Confirmation	Church/Chapel???
03/1/2025	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
3/8/2025	Class Stations of the Cross	Learning Loft Great Room' Church
03/29/2025	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
4/5/2025	Class	Learning Loft Great Room
4/12/2025	Closing Liturgy	Church, Gathering Area

Friends of Jesus (FOJ)

SPECIAL NEEDS PSR

Parent Handbook 2024-25

