

**CCD**

CCD is an acronym for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, as is our Sunday School, or religious education, here at IHM. Today, CCD is known by many names, but refers to the same activity of forming our children in the Catholic faith. All children of our parish from K-8 should be enrolled each year in CCD if they do not attend Catholic School. This very important ministry is one way that the parish assists parents in their role as primary formators of their children in the ways of faith. Additionally, teens in high school are highly encouraged to participate in our parish youth ministry as an ongoing means of formation in the Catholic faith (see Youth Ministry tab).

**contact:** Sr. Rosanne Karmazin (Director of Religious Education and Faith Formation)

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**meets** each Sunday of the school year from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the REC

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children (ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) are called forward during the 11:15am Mass, and then sent forth with their teachers to hear the Word of God (the Bible readings) at an age-appropriate level, and then to interact with the Word through song and activity to help them better understand.

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**meets** each Sunday of the school year at the 11:15 am Mass in FLH (approx. 20 min)

**Charitable Children Group**

This new ministry offers families with children through 8<sup>th</sup> grade opportunities to help others in need. The group will participate in activities such as visiting personal care residents to hand out crafts and sing songs, and delivering food baskets to parish shut-ins.

**contact:** Jennifer DeRienzo or Rachel Brewer (coordinators)

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**meets** according to planned schedule in FLH, and additional activities are included throughout the school year as scheduled

**Vacation Bible School**

This annual week each summer for young children is aimed at helping them to grow in their Catholic faith through prayer, song, and other activities that pertain to a particular Bible theme. Volunteers (young and old) are needed to assist with various aspects of VBS, including: chaperones, teachers, games, and snacks. One must receive the permission of the Director of Religious Education to assist.

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**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Stretching back to ancient times, the Church has always accompanied men and women that would like to become members of the Body of Christ, the Church. RCIA is the modern-day process in which people learn about the Catholic Church, with the possibility of receiving the Sacraments of Initiation and becoming Catholic. All inquiries are welcome. Participating in RCIA does not necessarily imply that reception into the Catholic Church is expected or mandatory.

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**meets** one evening each week during the school year for 1 ½ hours in the REC

**Landings**

Landings is a program that provides a safe harbor (or a “landing” place) for returning Catholics to explore their faith and their future with the Church. For those who are active parishioners, Landings provides an opportunity to participate in the Church's evangelization mission by opening your hearts to those who have been away. Sharing your time, your resources, and your faith can help bring others back to the Church.

**contact:** Bernadine Filliben (coordinator)

**phone:** (717) 259-9006

**meetings** and times vary

**Cursillo**

Cursillo in Christianity is a retreat-like experience over the course of a three-day weekend that focuses on showing lay people how to grow in their faith by becoming effective Christian leaders in their daily lives. Several talks are given over the course of the weekend, and there are many opportunities for prayer, reflection, and discussion. The major emphasis of Cursillo is to ask participants to take what they've learned back into the world through ongoing personal spiritual development. *Although our parish connection to Cursillo is currently inactive, more information for Cursillo in the Diocese of Harrisburg can be found at: [www.harrisburg-cursillo.org](http://www.harrisburg-cursillo.org).*

**Adult Enrichment**

This ongoing course is designed to especially help adult parishioners learn more about the Catholic faith. Topics include areas of Catholicism, such as teachings on the Eucharist, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and many others. The current theme is the history of the Catholic Church, beginning with the first Christians and reaching up to modern times. In a special way, parents of children in CCD are invited to attend as they wait for their children, so that both may be participating in religious education.

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**meets** weekly from 9:30 to 11:00 am in FLH

**Bible Study**

This group meets to reflect upon and discuss the Scripture readings that will be proclaimed at the upcoming weekend Masses.

**contact:** George Severns (facilitator)

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**meets** every Tuesday following the 9am Mass in FLH

**Small Christian Communities (SCC)**

Small gatherings of parishioners, who regularly meet to pray, reflect, and help one another to grow in faith. Currently three existing communities exist. Development of new SCCs is highly encouraged – for where just two or three of us meet, there is Jesus in our midst!

Wainwright Group (**meets** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. at 6:45 PM in REC)

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Aiello Group (**meets** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7 PM in the REC)

**contact:** Kim Aiello (group leader)

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Thursday morning Group (**meets** Thursdays after the 9 AM Mass in the FLH)

**contact:** Bernadine Filliben (group leader)

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