



CFM in Action

St. Raphael | Christian Family Movement



St. Raphael the Archangel: Christian Family Movement

Deacon Mark Leafgren: We have concluded our registration drive for our CFM 2025/2026 year here at **St. Raphael the Archangel Parish in Oshkosh, WI**. We are excited that as we begin our fifth CFM year we are blessed with strong, foundational families gathering from the beginning and new families joining us. We currently have 25 "families" registered.

Our Lady of the Wayside, Arlington Heights, IL



Twenty CFM members & sixteen parishioners from Our Lady of the Wayside visited St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein on October 11. Fr. Gilbert Mashurano, OLW Associate Pastor, celebrated Mass at the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, & seminarian Greg Wilk led a tour of the grounds & buildings. The Archdiocese of Chicago's Vocation Office generously provided bus transportation. It was a beautiful fall day and a wonderful visit!



In Winnipeg, MB, Canada
under the leadership of
Dcn. Michael & Rochelle Cordova



In San Ramon, California
under the leadership of
Annette and Ray Altamirano





CFM as Family Missionaries

November is rich in both liturgical and family themes, making it ideal for CFM to have **Active**, **Contemplative**, and **Transformative** activities throughout the month.

Here are some suggestions on how to enrich your family's faith journeys.

Liturgical and Spiritual Focus (Advent Preparation, Gratitude, Saints)

A. "Gratitude as a Family Mission"

Reflect on how your family can live out Thanksgiving beyond the holiday — through acts of mercy, stewardship, and community service.

b. "All Saints, All Souls, and the Communion of Families"

Remember to pray for departed loved ones, including our veterans. Visits to cemeteries and storytelling will help keep the faith alive across generations.

c. "Advent Begins in the Home: Preparing the Manger of the Heart"

Engage in family-centered practices to spiritually prepare for Advent by creating an Advent wreath, listing family prayer intentions, or doing simple weekly reflections.

d. "Mary, Model of Waiting and Hope"

Meditate on the Blessed Mother's example of faith-filled waiting — a beautiful transition from November gratitude to December anticipation.



Family Life and Mission

a. "Hospitality in the Holidays: Making Space for the Stranger"

Open your homes, parishes, or hearts to those who are alone or in need during the holidays.

b. "Faith at the Table: How Shared Meals Strengthen Christian Families"

Explore the Eucharistic symbolism of family meals and make Thanksgiving or Advent dinners more intentional and prayerful.

c. "Passing Down the Faith: Storytelling as Evangelization"

As a family, reflect on how sharing personal or ancestral faith stories strengthens the next generation's Catholic identity.



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a. Small Groups, Big Impact

Show how your CFM families live the mission! Share your service projects, family nights, or parish activities — photos and stories welcome.



b. Family Missionaries in Everyday Life

We'll feature members who quietly share their faith at work, in school, or in civic life. Know someone in your group? Tell us!

c. In Their Footsteps

We honor CFM's founders & early members whose vision began this 75+ year movement. Share stories of past CFM leaders from your community with us.

d. Giving Tuesday: Share the Gift of CFM

This December 2nd, join the global day of giving! Help strengthen families of faith by supporting CFM — so its mission continues to inspire generations to come.



Our online groups are running and still open to anyone who may be interested in joining. Tell your friends and family! Please register through this link:

[CFM Online Group Registration Form](#)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY A CFM MEETING?

Now is your chance to sample CFM through an online experience.

Stay for the entire season as part of our online community or just long enough to learn how to start an in-person CFM Group of your own.

Monthly meetings are currently scheduled for:

2nd Tues. of the month @ 8pm EST and 2nd Thurs. of the month @ 6pm PT.

Choose one that works best for you!



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