

Faith Formation: K through 5th Grade, a multi-faceted approach to formation ministry including preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist

Part 1- K-5th grade catechesis: All enrolled children will participate in catechist-led grade level in-person gatherings that will meet 2x per month. At enrollment, families will select their preferred meeting day.

Sessions will be offered on:

Sunday (K – 5) from 10:15am – 11:30am
Monday (Gr 1-5) from 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm
Tuesday (Gr. 1-5) from 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

We also are blessed to offer our “Stars and Angels” group (formerly called “Rainbow”) for children ages 6 – 17 with various special needs. Led by an experienced catechist, this age and developmentally appropriate program invites children of all abilities into full participation in the life of the church. This group meets on Sunday mornings throughout the year. Please reach out to Maria Yorkshire for more information.

Part 2- At Home Family Faith Enrichment:

Our curriculum has an “at home” component. We believe that providing families with resources and support to continue faith formation at home is central to children growing in the Catholic faith. We encourage you to take time as a family to share and complete these pages together. Parents are the number one teacher of their child(ren). We look forward to journeying with you and your children through faith formation.

Part 3 – Interactive Family Experiences: Throughout the year we will have events that will include a blend of formation, and fun for all ages! They will be designed to help connect faith, worship, family life, and community - all are encouraged to participate

Part 4 – Discipleship Days: We believe discipleship can be taught and completed by our youngest to our oldest disciples of Christ. Once a month we will offer opportunities geared toward K-5th grades. Please see the tentative dates on the enclosed Faith Formation Schedule. We hope that you will actively participate on this day along with your child(ren).

Sacramental Preparation

The preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist will occur during regularly scheduled in-person sessions for all 2nd graders. Children older than 2nd grade and who have not yet received these Sacraments are prepared through a plan that is individualized to meet the needs of that child and family. If this applies to your family, please contact Maria Yorkshire to discuss specifics.

In addition to the children attending their in-person sessions. Parents will be asked to pick up a reconciliation packet to be completed by the 1st Reconciliation workshop and Sacrament. As well as attend a parent meeting for 1st Eucharist and participate in parent/child workshops throughout the year. Additional details/dates are available on the calendar and website.

Adult Sessions:

This year, we are contemplating adding an adult session while your child(ren) is in class. Please reach out to Maria if you are interested.

Youth Ministries: Formation, Retreats/Workshops, Community Service for Grades 6 – 12
Including Confirmation Preparation

Mini-Course Model

Formation for teens in grades 6 – 10 will be offered through small group mini-courses. Each participant will select from the options available for their grade level and completes a total of two mini-course topics each year. Mini-courses meet over four consecutive weeks for 60 minutes each week and one Discipleship night. Meeting a total of 5 times per session. Mini-courses will be offered on Sundays 6:30pm – 7:30pm, Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm and Wednesdays 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Attendance at all sessions is expected unless an emergency situation arises. The full schedule of Mini-Courses and meeting dates will be posted on the parish websites in early September. Please note – each topic is limited to 14 participants and are filled as enrollment forms are received.

Discipleship (formally known as serve hours)

Living a life of discipleship is part of each Catholic person's baptismal call. We provide multiple opportunities for youth to engage in meaningful service throughout the year. Our program expectation is that participants complete a minimum of one parish-based (ministry) service opportunity and one community-based (mission) service opportunity each year.

Confirmation Preparation

As it has been the practice for each of our parishes, we will continue to offer preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation beginning in 10th grade. In accordance with Diocesan guidelines, youth need to have completed one year of formation prior to beginning immediate preparation, and participation in a Confirmation Retreat is required. Our Confirmation Preparation Sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm – they include both large and small group sessions, candidate and sponsor evenings, prayer experiences, discipleship and more. Detailed information about Confirmation preparation and a full calendar will be available online by early September. There will be a single celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation held for our Tri-Parish families in the spring of 2025 at a date determined by the Bishop's Office.

Post-Confirmation Group

We will hold gatherings for the recently confirmed. More information to come.