

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

Part 1 - 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. We are currently planning on offering the following options:

Sunday (Pre-K – 5) from 10:15 – 11:30am

Monday (Gr 1-5) from 4:00 – 5:15pm

Tuesday (Gr 1 – 5) from 6:00 – 7:15pm

Wednesday (Gr 1 – 5) from 4:00 – 5:15pm

Please note: some sessions may not be offered if there is low enrollment for a specific day, or if we are unable to secure sufficient catechists.

Part 2 – Family Formation Evenings – all families will be invited to attend Family Formation Events once per month beginning in November. These Sunday Evening sessions (6:00pm – 7:30pm) will begin with a pot-luck dinner, followed by a brief lesson and activity. While optional, these enrichment evenings will be designed to help connect faith and family life, and all are encouraged to participate. Families will receive email reminders and will need to sign up in advance of each session.

Part 3 – At Home Faith Enrichment – each month there will be a selection of home-based enrichment activities for families to choose from. We believe that providing families with resources and support to continue faith formation at home is central to children growing in their Catholic faith. There will be several options each month, posted on the bulletin board, for parents to review and select from. Choose one, choose many – it’s up to you!

Sacramental Preparation

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist will occur during regularly scheduled in-person sessions for all 2nd graders. Children who are older than 2nd grade 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 the office to discuss.

A parent meeting for children preparing for these Sacraments will be held on Monday, November 8 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please be sure to mark your calendars now for this important evening. In addition there will be a Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshop prior to the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (likely in January – exact date is TBD) and a First Eucharist Parent/Child Workshop to be held in the Spring. First Eucharist will be celebrated in each parish at regularly scheduled weekend liturgies over several weekends in May. Each family will need to select their preferred Mass in mid-March.