

Faith Formation: K through 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Based on feedback from last year, building and volunteer availability we will be offering sessions on:

Sunday (K – 5) from 10:15am – 11:30am

Monday (Gr 1-5) from 5:30pm – 6:45pm

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 Sarah Stygles for more information.

Part 2 – Interactive family experiences will be scheduled throughout the year. These evenings will include a blend of formation and fun for all ages! 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 at all three parishes, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Children who are older than 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Christine Goss to discuss specifics.

In addition to the children attending their in-person sessions. Parents will be asked to attend two parent meetings and participate in parent/child workshops throughout the year. Additional details/dates are available on the calendar and website.