

# Formation Expectations

*As a Formation Staff we look to, “Bring people into a Growing Relationship with Jesus Christ.” Growing our faith goes beyond the classroom. To do that effectively, we ask that our RE families participate in several activities in addition to Religious Education classes. There are four areas that we focus on: Family Formation, Parent Formation, Family Service, and a Mass Reflection. Below you will find a listing and explanation of each of these four activities.*

*Families that participate in all four of the additional activities will be eligible for our early registration for the 2025-26 school year. If you have questions, please contact Angie Bulman, Sarah Casey or Kris Walker in the parish office, 393-3778.*

<b>PRAY</b>	<p><b>Mass Reflection</b></p> <p>Attending Mass is an integral part of our faith. Without it kids lack the context for what they are being taught in class. As Catholics, it is our hope that Mass is part of your regular family routine</p>	<p>After attending at least one Sunday Mass, we ask that your family spend a few minutes discussing their Mass experience and then share your thoughts with us through the reflection page found on our website. We hope that this is a family activity and would encourage older kids to complete the online reflection. The online reflection forms will be up on the website.</p>
<b>LEARN</b>	<p><b>Family Formation</b></p> <p>We offer several Family events each year. This is a time we hope your family will come together in a faith focused environment to build family and community connections. We ask that all families attend at least one family event each year.</p>	<p>Events will always be listed on our webpage calendar and communicated through email. We will continuously be sending information about events as they arise. Please be sure and let us know if you participate in a Family Faith event.</p>
<b>SHARE</b>	<p><b>Family Service and Reflection</b></p> <p>We are the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. There are many people and places both in our church and community that can use our help. We hope that doing service as a family will help bring awareness to the importance of bringing our Catholic faith actively into the world.</p>	<p>After completing a service project of your family’s choosing, we ask that your family spend some time discussing the experience and then share your thoughts on our online Family Service Reflection Form. The form is located on the RE page of our parish website. The service can be done in our church or the community, it can be something you’ve done before or something new, we just ask <b>that it be done as a family</b> and completed between June and May. Anyone/Everyone can fill in the online reflection, ideally, we would like to have the kids fill it in if they are able.</p>
<b>WITNESS</b>	<p><b>Parent Formation</b></p> <p>Building faith is a lifelong process and it all begins in the home. You are the best catechists for your children, which is why we ask that parents attend or participate in at least one adult formation event each year. We offer several different options for this. Some events are geared toward parenting and passing on the faith while others offer subjects that keep the faith alive for you.</p>	<p>Reference our event calendar for specific dates and times. Events will always be listed on our webpage and communicated through email. Some events to watch for are listed below, others will be added as they arise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wine and Wisdom</b></li> <li>• <b>CEO Events</b></li> <li>• <b>Small Group Book Study or Faith Sharing</b></li> </ul>