

*“Let us love one another as God loves each of us. And where does this love begin? In your own home. How does it begin? By praying together.”*

--Mother Teresa

### Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

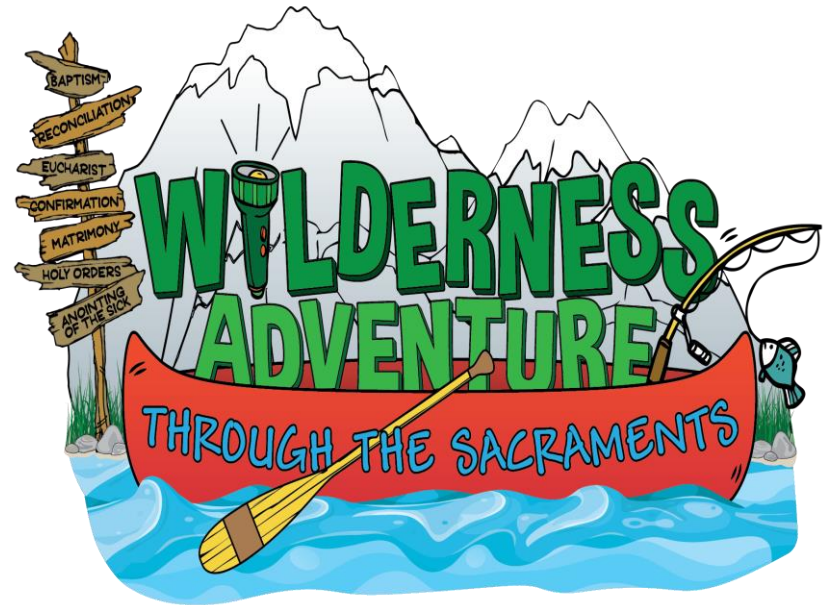
### Hail Mary

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## **Saint Anthony's Catholic Church Faith Formation Parent Handbook 2023-2024**

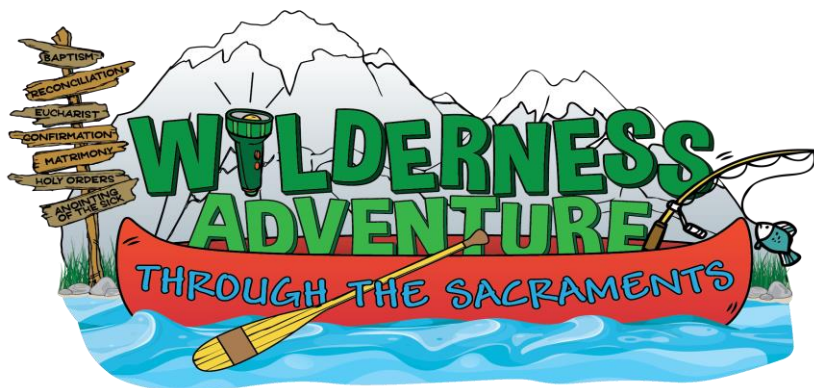


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The theme for the 2023-2024 year is...



For those that attended Vacation Bible School, it served as a great introduction to the theme that will be carried throughout this entire year. We will be adventuring through the Sacraments all year long! St. Thomas Aquinas says, "The seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life."

**Baptism** – How can we use courage to live out our Baptismal promises?

**Reconciliation** – How can we use self-control to follow God's teachings?

**Holy Eucharist** – How can we show our gratitude for the amazing gift God has given us in the Eucharist?

**Confirmation** – How can we use perseverance to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us on the right path?

**Holy Orders & Matrimony** – How can we use hope to love one another and be a light to others?

**Anointing of the Sick** – How can we find healing through God's blessing of this beautiful Sacrament?

### **Arrival/Dismissal Procedures**

For those in the Religious Education Building, children will enter through the main door. For those in Ewald, they will walk directly to their classroom. **All students will be dismissed by their teachers on the front lawn.** *If crossing the street, please escort your child and cross at the crosswalk in front of the church.*

### **Absences**

Attendance is taken and tracked throughout the entire year. Please email Kerry Lenz, the Director of Faith Formation, if your child cannot attend class.

### **Weather/Snow Closings**

For Sunday classes, check our website at <https://stanthonycal.com/faith-formation> for updates. For Wednesday evening classes, we will follow Calvert County school closings.

### **Communication**

Kerry Lenz – Director of Faith Formation  
Phone Number: (443) 646-5724  
Email: [dre@stanthonycal.us](mailto:dre@stanthonycal.us)

\*There are not set office hours; however, if you would like to meet, we can always set up an appointment. Email and phone messages are checked daily. For the quickest response, email works best.

### **Parish Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm

## **Sacraments**

**Children in grades 3 and up** should be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion regularly. As children grow in their relationship with God, they should be attending weekly Mass, be nourished by the Eucharist, and experience the grace of Reconciliation.

**Children in Grade 2** receive preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (February) and First Holy Communion (April). This preparation is based on regular attendance in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Parents have a special role in this preparation process. Meetings and retreats are held in conjunction with the instruction for each Sacrament. Attendance is expected. Refer to the calendar for dates.

**Children in Grade 9** will receive Confirmation after completing a two-year program. Preparation includes regular class attendance as well as fulfilling other requirements. Candidates need to demonstrate their desire to receive this Sacrament. Reception of Confirmation is a turning point in a young person's life-long faith journey.

## **Youth Ministry**

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders)**

Youth Minister – Angela Cunningham

[msyg@stanthonycal.us](mailto:msyg@stanthonycal.us)

### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders)**

Youth Minister – Matt Schiavone

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## **Faith Formation Curriculum**

This year, PreK will be learning the alphabet while engaging in fun activities and crafts about our faith. For Kindergarten-7<sup>th</sup> grade, we will be using the *We Believe* series by Sadlier. With this curriculum, the children will become empowered with their faith and be excited about going out into the world as a disciple of God! The units for each grade level are below:

### **Kindergarten**

God Gives Us Many Gifts – God is Our Creator – Jesus Shows Us God's Love – Jesus Wants Us to Share His Love

### **Grade 1**

Jesus Teaches Us About God's Love – We Are Followers of Jesus – We Belong to the Church – We Celebrate and Live Our Faith

### **Grade 2**

Jesus Christ Is with Us, Always with Us – Jesus Calls Us to Penance and Reconciliation – Jesus Gives Himself in the Eucharist – We Live Our Catholic Faith

### **Grade 3**

Jesus Gives Us the Church – We are Members of the Church – The Church Leads Us in Worship – We are Called to Discipleship

### **Grade 4**

Growing in Jesus Christ – The Commandments Help Us to Love God – The Commandments Help Us to Love Others – We are Called to Holiness

### **Grade 5**

Jesus Shares His Life with Us – Confirmation and Eucharist Complete Our Initiation – The Sacraments of Healing Restore Us – We are Called to Holiness

### **Grade 6**

Forming the Covenant – Building the Covenant Nation – The Commandments Help Us to Love Others – We are Called to Holiness

### **Grade 7**

Who is God? – Who is Jesus? – How is Christ's Church Alive in the Church Today? – How Does the Church Live as the Body of Christ?

**\*\*Grades 8 and 9 use *Chosen*, which is a two-year program that prepares children for Confirmation.**

## Sundays

Grade	Building	Catechists
Pre-K	Religious Education Building	Grace Hayden Mary Plue
Kindergarten		Diane Pettko Marie Thomas Sophia Scott
First Grade		Nicole Bozman Devyn Jones
Second Grade		Jenny Stawinski Kathleen Sadler Bella Rooney
Third Grade		Vic Hastings Annie Blackwell
Fourth Grade		Ray Scott Will Morauer
Fifth Grade		Gail Carroll Mary Rooney
Sixth Grade	Ewald Building	Jeff Cunningham Angela Cunningham
Seventh Grade		Lisa Dolina Amanda Dolina

## Wednesdays

Eighth Grade	Religious Education Building	Bob Arscott Peyton Lanham
Ninth Grade		Anne Scott Patty Hanko Kevin McAndrews

*Thank you volunteers for all your hard work and dedication to making this a great year!*

Please read this entire handbook carefully and email or call with any questions. The handbook contains an overview and information about the Faith Formation Program at St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

## General Information about Faith Formation

Grades PreK-7	9:30-10:45am	Sundays
Grades 8-9	6:30-8:00pm	Every other Wed.

### **Expectations:**

- ✓ Child must be registered to attend classes
- ✓ Families are registered members of St. Anthony's
- ✓ Regular attendance at Mass
  - St. Anthony's Mass Schedule: Saturday (4:30) or Sunday (8:15/11:15)
- ✓ Child should be baptized or in the process of getting baptized
  - Child needs to be baptized to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
- ✓ If child was not baptized at St. Anthony's, a copy of the Baptismal Certificate needs to be provided