



**GOF**  
**2025 - 2026**

An experience for today's families living their faith in today's world.

### **WELCOME TO GENERATIONS OF FAITH (GOF)**

The Church of Saint Ann's faith formation program  
for families with children in grades 1-8

**SUNDAY** Liturgy is central and begins your week.

- **A STRUCTURED EXPERIENCE.** Faith formation through seven sessions spread out between September and April. Each session lasts about an hour and forty-five minutes. Offered on Saturday mornings or Sunday evenings: you pick the one that best accommodates your schedule each month.\*
- **A FAMILY EXPERIENCE.** We accommodate the whole family with age appropriate faith formation, K-3, 4-6, 7-8, *and* adult. Families come together (at least one parent), share a meal, and are introduced to the monthly theme before breaking out into age-related activity sessions. The session closes with prayer.
- **AN ONGOING EXPERIENCE.** Empowering parents to grow faith and to share faith with their children, we provide supporting resources to continue the conversation at home and to enrich your faith.

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### **THEME: *God Calls***

### **2025 - 2026 SCHEDULE**

**SEPTEMBER** - Saturday 13 at 9:30 AM,  
& Sunday 21 at 5:00 PM

**OCTOBER** - Saturday 4 at 9:30 AM  
& Sunday 19 at 5:00 PM

**NOVEMBER** - Saturday 1 at 9:30 AM  
& Sunday 16 at 5:00 PM

**DECEMBER** - Saturday 6 at 9:30 AM  
& Sunday 7 at 5:00 PM

**JANUARY**—Family Life Home Study  
*no sessions*

**FEBRUARY** - Saturday 7 at 9:30 AM  
& Sunday 22 at 5:00 PM

**MARCH** - Saturday 7 at 9:30 AM  
& Sunday 15 at 5:00 PM

**APRIL** - Saturday 11 at 9:30 AM  
& Sunday 19 at 5:00 PM

\*Invitations via a signup genius are sent out to you monthly to reserve your day. Registration per family is \$190. Registration includes: (1) Food for each session; (2) Age level curriculum materials; (3) Parent resource; (4) *Partners In Faith* Newsletter—monthly subscription. Please make check payable to "The Church of Saint Ann."

## **First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Sacrament Preparation**

The specific preparation for a child's celebration of **Reconciliation** and **Eucharist** will rest primarily with the family. The sacraments will be discussed in the children's session, but because of the multi-aged classrooms, specific preparation cannot be done. *The parish will provide support, encouragement, and resources (Our Sunday Visitor/OSV, Encounter with Christ child book and parent guide).* Our Sunday Visitor provides you with many additional online resources for you to use as your child journeys to First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **First Reconciliation Parent Meeting:**

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 (Community Room)  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

#### **First Reconciliation Penance Service:**

January 6 & 13, 2026 — Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 pm  
January 10 & 17, 2026 — Saturdays 2:00-3:00 pm

#### **First Eucharist Parent Meeting:**

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 (Community Room)  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

#### **First Eucharist Retreat**

Sunday, March 15, 2026  
2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.



**Required Practices:** Tuesday, April 28 for the 9:30 a.m. Mass (Community Room & Church) 6-7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29 for the 12:00 p.m. Mass (Community Room & Church) 6-7 p.m.

**First Eucharist Celebration Masses:** Saturday, May 2nd at 9:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

## **Confirmation 7th & 8th Grade Sacrament Preparation**

The preparation for Confirmation is a two-year period of preparation beginning in 7th grade. The program details and forms are on the parish website so the candidates can continue to explore the curriculum independently and with their families. **Candidates who transfer in at the start of 8th grade are required to meet with the Religious Education Director and make sure they complete the grade 7 requirements prior to starting the program.**

### **Dates to Remember**

**8th Grade Retreat — Saturday, September 27 at Notre Dame High School 9:00am to 1:00 pm**

**7th Grade Parent Mtg. -Tuesday, Sept. 30th — (FDC Community Room) 6:00-7:15 p.m.**

**8th Grade Parent Mtg. -Tuesday, Oct. 7th — (Church) 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 pm**

#### **7th Grade Rite of Commitment:**

Saturday, Oct. 11th during the 4:00 p.m. Mass *or* Sunday, Oct. 12th during the 10:30 a.m. Mass

**8th Grade Rite With Sponsor:** Saturday, Jan. 31st during the 4:00 p.m. Mass *or* Sunday, Feb. 1st during the 12:00 p.m. Mass

**8th Grade Rite/Letter to the Presider :** Saturday April 25 during the 4:00 p.m. Mass *or* Sunday, April 26 during the 10:30 p.m. Mass

**Required Practices:** Tues, May 26 (for 4pm service) & Wed, May 27 (for 6pm service) Community Room & Church, 6-7 p.m.

**Confirmation Celebration:** Friday, May 29 at 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

