

SS. Peter & Paul Parish

2025- 2026 Youth & Family Faith Formation

We welcome all families to register for Faith Formation! At SS. Peter & Paul we recognize the calling of parents as primary educators and role models to their children. We partner with and support parents to help them engage their families in lifelong faith formation. **Returning students and registered parishioners will be given priority during the registration process.** Please see below for details about our Youth & Family Faith program including Sacrament Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation and Youth Ministry offerings.

Youth & Family Faith (Kindergarten – 12th Grade)

What does Youth & Family Faith include?

- **Weekly Youth Faith Formation Classes :**

Sunday 3:30 PM – 4:45 PM: K – 6th grade

Sunday 6:15 PM – 7:45 PM: 7th – 12th grade
(Confirmation Preparation)

Monday 3:30 PM – 4:45 PM: 1st – 6th grade

Note: Class days/times are subject to change based on enrollment and available volunteers. Calendars will be available at registration.

- **Family Faith Formation Sessions:** Over the course of the year, there will be three family-centered faith formation sessions when parents and children attend together.
- **Sacrament Preparation:** Sacramental preparation for First Communion and Confirmation is a consecutive two-year process, typically beginning in the 1st grade (Communion) and 7th grade (Confirmation).
- **Launch and Lift Youth Ministry:** All 3rd – 8th grade students are encouraged to attend Launch and Lift Youth Ministry. Launch and Lift meets one Friday each month for fun, food & fellowship.
- **Parent Formation:** Parents with students in Year 2 sacrament preparation for First Communion or Confirmation will be required to attend specific parent meetings and activities. Additionally, all parents are encouraged to attend ongoing formation opportunities held throughout the year.

2025-2026 Registration Fees:

- Youth & Family Faith: \$80 per student
- Sacrament Preparation (Year 2): additional \$50 per student

High School Youth Ministry (9th – 12th Grade)

Our High School Youth Ministry program aims to keep teens connected to our faith community. Throughout the year teens have the opportunity to participate in small faith groups, large group nights, social gatherings, mission trips, and more. High School Youth Ministry meets Sunday and Wednesday evenings and offers opportunities for teens to grow in their faith with their peers.

To register for High School Youth Ministry please visit our website www.rocklincatholic.org/youthministry or come to our in-person registration for more information.

Volunteers Needed!

Share your faith with the children & youth of SS. Peter & Paul



BUILD COMMUNITY - GROW IN FAITH - GIVE BACK

Volunteers are the backbone of SS. Peter and Paul's Youth & Family Faith program. Whether you're an experienced catechist or simply have a heart for children and teens, there's a place for you on our team! Come make a difference, grow in your own faith, and help form the hearts of our young Church. For more information about our current volunteer needs, please visit our website and complete the "Volunteer Interest Form" or speak with one of the Faith Formation staff members during registration.

Sacrament Preparation

First Communion

First Communion is a consecutive two-year process that typically begins in first grade. We offer an approach that is centered on the family and their journey with the child in sacramental preparation. First Communion preparation is part of the Youth & Family Faith program. In addition to continued involvement in Youth & Family Faith, the second year of preparation will include parent/child sessions, at-home parent/child lessons, retreats, and service activities. Students need to be baptized to begin First Communion preparation. For questions regarding First Communion, please contact Kris Dahla.

Confirmation

Sacramental preparation for Confirmation is a consecutive two-year process, typically beginning in the 7th grade, although students 8th grade through 12th grade who are not yet confirmed can enroll and begin the two-year preparation process. Confirmation preparation is part of the Youth & Family Faith program and includes additional at-home lessons, parent meetings, retreats, and service activities. Students need to be baptized and have celebrated First Communion to begin Confirmation preparation. For questions regarding Confirmation, please contact Jen Gordon.

What if my child/youth is older and has missed their First Communion or has not been baptized?

For older children/youth who have not received their first sacraments we do offer OCIA (Christian Initiation) adapted for children. OCIA is a two-year family process designed to prepare students to receive their sacraments. Students who have been baptized will enroll in the Youth & Family Faith program. In addition to attending weekly Youth & Family Faith classes there will be monthly OCIA family preparation sessions.

For older children/youth that have not been baptized, please contact Katie Maynard, Coordinator of Christian Initiation to learn more about the process.

How to Register:

Enclosed is a "family" registration form for Youth & Family Faith. Please complete this form and bring it to one of our in-person registration dates.

Mail in registration will not be accepted.

- In-person registration will be accepted on **Sunday, August 10th & Sunday, August 17th from 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM in the Social Hall.**
- Registration is first come, first served, however **priority is given to returning students and registered parishioners.**
- If not already provided, a copy of a birth certificate and baptismal certificate is required for each child preparing for a sacrament.

Registration Fees:

Registration fees are due at the time of registration. Cash, checks, or credit cards are accepted. If you have a financial concern, please speak with a Faith Formation Staff member during registration. Payment plans and scholarships are available. We want all families and children to participate regardless of their ability to pay.

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