



YOUTH & FAMILY FAITH 2025-2026

FIRST DAY OF FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

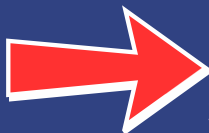


SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

K- 6th GRADE SUNDAY CLASSES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

1st- 6th GRADE MONDAY CLASSES



SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

SUNDAY CONFIRMATION YEAR 1 & 2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

- **K - 6th Grade:** During the first week of classes, classroom assignments will be posted on the windows outside of the Faith Formation Office.
- **7th - 8th Grade & High School Confirmation:** All students will check-in in the Social Hall on the first day.

K-6th GRADE "NEW" PARENT ORIENTATION

- On the first day of classes (Sunday 3:30 PM and Monday 3:30 PM), we will hold a Parent Orientation for any "NEW" family in our program or for any returning families who would like a refresher! Please join us in the Multipurpose Room (after taking your child to class). During this time we will provide you with important information about our program and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting you!



IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE

7th-8th GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

- **ALL** parents with students in 7th-8th grade and High School Confirmation are asked to attend a **Parent Meeting** on **Sunday, September 21st** in the Social Hall. **The first day for students is Sunday, September 28th.**
Year 1: 4:00 PM Year 2: 6:15 PM

HOW WE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU



Flocknote is an email system that allows us to keep you informed about what is happening in Youth & Family Faith and communicate weekly announcements & reminders.

If you are not already subscribed to Flocknote, we will subscribe you.

To avoid Flocknote emails going to your "junk/spam" folders, please add **mail@flocknote.com** to your contacts.

A GIFT FROM OUR PARISH TO YOU



FORMED has over 4000 Catholic Faith Resources, which include movies, audiobooks, e-books, & video study programs. SS. Peter & Paul has pre-paid for this resource for all our parish members, just sign-in at **www.formed.org** to create an account.

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2025-2026 Youth & Family Faith Parent Information

Welcome back to another year of Faith Formation. We are looking forward to seeing all of our returning families and meeting those who are new to our parish family. Last year, we had the privilege of serving over 400 children in Faith Formation at SS. Peter & Paul. This is a beautiful reflection that something amazing is happening here!

At SS. Peter & Paul, we believe faith formation is a lifelong journey. We make this journey together with our families, with our friends, and with our community. As parents you are the primary educators of your children in our Catholic faith. **What does it mean to be a “primary educator”?** Being the primary educator of your child’s faith formation is a responsibility you accepted at their Baptism. **Do you remember the question asked of you at your child’s baptism?**

“You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training them in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring them up to keep God’s commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?”

Those are serious words! This task given to you as parents is perhaps the greatest of tasks. You pass on to your children your priorities, attitudes, reverence, and appreciation for the faith. What you do (or don’t do) does matter.

At SS. Peter & Paul we are here to guide and support you along the way. As we partner in this journey we ask for your commitment to the following:

Parent Responsibilities

- Attend Mass weekly as a family.
- Ensure that your child attends class regularly and is on time.
- Be an active part of your child’s faith formation experience by living out your faith at home.
- Participate in family service activities.
- Stay involved in the parish by attending family sessions, parent-child retreats, parish events, and adult formation opportunities.
- Make faith formation a life-long commitment by continuing to learn about your own faith.
- Share with your child your time, your attention your knowledge and your love—in this way you will model what it means to be loved, just as God loves your child!

Student Expectations

- Regularly attend class sessions.
- Be an active participant in class discussions, activities, retreats, and service opportunities.
- Be courteous and respectful of fellow students, all volunteers and others in leadership roles.
- Be open to learning and growing in your faith.

Class Assignments

During the first week of class, there will be class assignments posted on the windows outside of the Faith Formation Office for Kindergarten – 6th grade. Middle School and High School Confirmation students will begin each week in the Social Hall.

ALL classes begin in September! Please see your calendar for dates!

Student Behavior Expectations/Discipline Procedures

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

We are committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment for all. In order for our program to proceed effectively each week it is important that every child be attentive, respectful and on task. Volunteers will work closely with their students by setting a positive example, being fair and consistent in order to meet the needs of all involved. Should a discipline problem arise, parents will be consulted to discuss the problem and solution.

Curriculum

Our curriculum is based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and covers a variety of topics including scripture, sacraments, church history, faith in action, and the liturgical year. We strive to be relevant and connect everyday life experiences to our faith in an age-appropriate manner.

Year 2 Sacrament Preparation (First Communion and Confirmation): In addition to continued attendance and involvement in Youth & Family Faith, the second year of preparation includes parent/child sessions, at-home parent/child lessons, retreats, and service activities.

Attendance

Attendance is not only important to the students' learning, understanding, and growth in their faith, but also important to building relationships with their peers and the larger faith community. **No more than three (3) absences per year are permitted.** Absences for sports and other extracurricular activities are not considered excusable, and make-up assignments are given based on the missed lessons. If there is a specific attendance concern or if a situation arises, please communicate with the Faith Formation Office.

Absence Reporting Procedure

Should your child (or children) be too sick or otherwise unable to attend a Faith Formation session, please call and leave a message on the "Absence Reporting Line" at 916-624-5827 ext. 217 and indicate the reason for the absence.

Arrival/Dismissal & Parking Lot Safety

When entering and exiting the parish grounds, bring your patience! *Please drive SLOWLY* and be cautious when dropping off and picking up your student. Our parking lot is very busy on class days. Please help in our efforts to keep our students safe.

You have selected the class time that is most convenient for your family. Our Catechists have prepared a weekly lesson and will start and end class on time. It is disruptive if students are arriving late or are leaving class earlier than the regular dismissal time. Please be respectful of our volunteer's time and effort put into preparing for each class session. It is important that you plan accordingly in order to arrive and pick-up on time. *We encourage all students to use the restroom before class begins.*

- Students in Kindergarten – Second Grade must be signed in and out by parent/adult.
- Students in Third – Sixth Grade do not need to be signed in or out of class.
- Middle School & High School Confirmation students do not need to be signed in or out of class. All students are to arrive/check-in in the Social Hall each week. Students will be dismissed from the classrooms. We recommend that you determine a regular meeting spot for your student to be picked-up at the end of each session.



SS. Peter & Paul Youth & Family Faith 2025-2026

CLASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY CLASSES

(K - 6th Grade)

3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

September 21, 28
October 5, 12, 19, 26
November 9, 16
December 7, 14
January 4, 11, 25
February 1, 22
March 1, 8, 15, 22
April 12, 19

MONDAY CLASSES

(1st - 6th Grade)

3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

September 22, 29
October 6, 13, 20, 27
November 10, 17
December 8, 15
January 5, 12, 26
February 2, 23
March 2, 9, 16, 23
April 13, 20

SUNDAY EVENING CLASSES

(7th - 8th Grade & High School Confirmation)

6:15 PM - 7:45 PM

September 28
October 5, 12, 19, 26
November 9, 16
December 7, 14
January 4, 11, 25
February 1, 22
March 1, 8, 15, 22
April 12, 19

Class days/times are subject to
change based on enrollment
and available volunteers.

Please refer to the opposite side of this
calendar for
Family Formation Sessions, retreats and
other program dates.

To report an absence,
please call
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FAMILY FORMATION SESSIONS, RETREATS AND EVENTS

Family Formation Sessions, retreats and parish events provide spiritual, social and service opportunities that bring together our students and parish family.

August 24	End of Summer Ice-Cream Social 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM
September 21	Confirmation Parent Meeting Year 1 : 4:00 PM Year 2 : 6:15 PM
October 12/13	Family Formation Sessions Sunday 3:30 PM or 6:15 PM, Monday 3:30 PM
October 17	Year 1 Confirmation Retreat
November 1/2	Year 2 Confirmation Retreat
January 18	Family Formation Session Sunday 3:30 PM (all class days and times attend this session)
March 15/16	Family Formation Session Sunday 3:30 PM or 6:15 PM, Monday 3:30 PM
April 11	First Communion Retreat (Year 2)
June 15-19	Vacation Bible School



First Communion and Confirmation Information



Families with students in Year 2 First Communion or Confirmation preparation will receive a detailed letter in late October. This letter will include dates for First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, and all required meetings and activities.



LAUNCH & LIFT 3rd-8th Grade Youth Ministry Fridays



Youth Ministry Fridays are an opportunity for youth in 3rd - 8th grades to come together one Friday a month to hang out with friends and make new friends in a safe and fun environment!

We offer something for everyone...Ga-Ga ball, ping pong, pickleball, 9-square, board games, crafts, snacks and more! Friends are always welcome.

LAUNCH (3rd - 6th grades) 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
LIFT (6th - 8th grades) 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

- September 26
- October 24
- November 14
- December 12
- January 23
- February 13
- March 13 (Soup & Bread Lent Service Project)
- April 17
- May 8

For more information and to RSVP to the monthly events visit the website:
www.rocklincatholic.org/launch-lift