

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Faith Formation School Year!

*Faith Formation will be adding two new components to the program during the 2023-2024 school year: **Parents as Faith Partners and Grade Level prayers.***

Parents as Faith Partners

Parents as Faith Partners will focus on assisting parents to be more actively engaged in the Religious Formation of their children. When you brought your children forward to become members of the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, you promised to fulfill the great responsibility you have as Catholic parents to pass on the Catholic Faith to your children.

Faith formation Programs support this effort by providing your children with direct instruction in what the Church believes and teaches, sacramental preparation, and missionary discipleship, which is our call to share the Good News about Jesus through service to others.

The Registration Form will ask you to indicate that you have read and accept the following Parent Agreement.

Parent Agreement

Understanding the responsibility, I have as a Catholic parent I promise to

- 1. Make every effort to attend Mass each week on Sunday or Saturday evening.*
- 2. Familiarize myself with the contents of the current Parent Handbook.*
- 3. Pray for my children and for their catechists.*
- 4. Make my children's religious education class attendance a top priority.*
- 5. Send my children to their classes with their books and folders so they can more fully participate.*
- 6. Participate in any Parent Meetings, Grade Level Masses, or other activities related to my children's classes.*
- 7. Keep the lines of communication open with the Faith Formation Office.*
- 8. Help my children learn the Grade Level Prayers assigned to their grade levels.*
- 9. Support and assist my children with any assignments that may be given.*

Working together, we can, "...Do something beautiful for God." It is our hope that these words of St. Teresa of Calcutta will inspire us to work together to make the 2023-2024 school year the best school year ever!

Grade Level Prayers

Faith Formation classes will focus on particular prayers each year with the ultimate goal being that the children will memorize these prayers by the end of the Faith Formation school year. The list of grade level prayers will grow over the next few years as additional prayers are added, especially in the intermediate grades. Parents will receive the memorized prayer goals and asked to help establish good prayer habits with their children beginning in grade 1 and growing as the children progress in the program. The children will continue to learn that there are many ways to pray besides memorized prayers such as Praying with Scripture, Meditation, and Spontaneous Prayer to name a few.

Prayer is communicating with God and our children are open and ready to experience growing in a close, comfortable relationship with Jesus.

Thank you for choosing to enroll your children. It is a privilege to assist you in Passing on the Faith!

Have a Happy, Healthy Summer!

God Bless

Miss Elaine and the Faith Formation Office Team