



St. Stephen Catholic Church
Faith Formation Office for children, Youth and Adults
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Welcome Back! Our parish Faith Formation (Children, Youth & Adult) Programs offer many opportunities for you and your family to continue your faith formation. Our Faith Formation Registration forms are now available in the Faith Formation Office, located in the school building (east wing). You may also download them from our St. Stephen Faith Formation Website. Once registered in our program your child (ren) will be scheduled for the class time that you requested on your form. **We will contact you ONLY if there is a problem.** Class size is limited and students are assigned to classes on a first come, first serve basis.

Please make a note of our class starting dates listed below!

NEW and RETURNING FAMILIES: Please complete the 2025-2026 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM. This is a two page form. For NEW Students who were not in our program this past year, we will also need a ***STUDENT INFORMATION FORM*** along with the 2025/2026 Registration Form.

- ♦ If this is a **sacrament year for your child**, please include a **copy of their baptismal certificate** along with your registration.
- ♦ If you are not a registered parishioner of St. Stephen, we welcome you to complete a Parish Registration Form! This Parish Registration Form is available on our Website.

IMPORTANT PAYMENT OPPORTUNITIES & CHANGES: Program payments are available on-line through our “Online Giving” Credit Card Program. Some families already have a WeShare account, if not please create one. Once registered you can click on the Faith Formation Payment Opportunities and select the appropriate payment link as there are separate accounts for Registration and Sacrament Fees. If you choose to pay by check, we ask that you please make out separate checks to St. Stephen for type of fee (*ie. Registration Fee, Workshop Fee, and Confirmation Retreat fee*). Thank you!

Catechists: Faith Formation is happy to give our Catechists a \$75.00 Registration Fee discount. We are so grateful for your commitment to our programs!!! Thank you!

Faith Formation Registration Fees

\$75.00 One child \$100.00 Two children \$125.00 Three or more children \$25.00 Adult Confirmation

Retreat and Sacrament Preparation Fees

\$50.00 Reconciliation/Eucharist Sacrament Preparation \$75.00 Confirmation Retreat

We offer the following classes: Pre-K 4 - At St. Stephen School Building on Wednesday, 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm

Kindergarten thru Grade 5 - At St. Stephen School Building on Sundays at either 8:00 am - 9:15 am **or** 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

or Wednesdays at either 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm **or** 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

Grade 6 - At St. Stephen School Building on Sundays at 8:00 am - 9:15 am **or** Wednesdays 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

Grade 7, Grade 8 - At St. Stephen Family Life Center on Monday Nights at 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

RCIY - Rite of Christian Initiation for Youth in Grade 7-12 **Family Life Center**

High School Confirmation - At the **Family Life Center Youth Rm** 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm; followed by 5:30pm Mass and Life Teen Youth Group

Middle School “EDGE” Youth Group - At the **Family Life Center** on Wednesday Nights at 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm

High School “Life Teen” Youth Group - following the Sunday 5:30 pm Mass - At the **Family Life Center** 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Adult Confirmation Preparation - Adults: 6-week program on Sunday mornings at the **Family Life Center**

Special Need Sacrament Preparation - Based on individual's need

HOMEBASE - Is an option with the approval of the Program's Director. If you need the Homebase Program this year, please indicate this on the Registration Form as “HOMEBASE”.

PROGRAM STARTING DATES for 2025/2026

Pre-K4: Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Kindergarten thru Grade 6: Sunday, September 7, 2025 and Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Grade 7: Monday, September 8, 2025

Confirmation for Grade 8: Monday, September 8, 2025

Confirmation for Grade HS: Sunday, September 7, 2025

Middle School Youth Group EDGE Night: Wednesday, September 10, 2025

High School Life Teen: Sunday, September 7, 2025

Adult Confirmation: Sunday, September 21, 2025

MISSION

The gift of faith, which begins at Baptism, must be nourished throughout the entire life of each Catholic. Parents have the primary responsibility for training their children in the practices of our faith. Our parish Faith Formation Programs assist parents in their sacred duty, and provide opportunities for families to develop their prayer lives and their formal understanding of our faith so each individual can come to his/her potential as members of the People of God.

FAITH FORMATION POLICIES

Faith Formation handbooks are available to parents on our website.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Families are asked to be registered member of St. Stephen Parish. If you know your Parish ID number, please include it on the front side of the Registration Form. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Children beginning in Pre-K must be 4 years of age by September 1st of the year in which the student is enrolling. Children are placed in the same grade they attend in school although special considerations are made for sacrament preparation when necessary.

*Parents are asked to sign the Commitment and Promise Agreement, the Photo/Video Release, the Medical Acknowledgement, and permission to Text Message. These are all located on the **reverse side** of the Faith Formation Registration Form. It is essential you provide us with accurate emergency contact information and update as needed.*

On the first day of class, parents will receive a calendar for the entire year. In the event of inclement weather, class is cancelled. We follow the same guidelines as Hillsborough Count Public School.

The family has an essential role in preparation for and celebration of a sacrament. According to Diocesan guidelines, parents, as well as children and youth, are required to attend Sacrament Preparatory sessions, meet all expectations, pray daily, and attend Mass weekly as a family. Reminder notices are sent home and posted on our website regarding meetings, workshops, retreats, Rites, and rehearsals. Catholic School Diocesan guidelines are available in the Faith Formation Office. Classes are also offered for youth and adults who want to prepare for sacraments. Please call the Faith Formation Office to inform us of your needs.

CATECHISTS

We are so very fortunate to have a large number of catechists sharing their time, love, and faith with our children and youth. Teaching requires hours of planning, studying and implementing. They have entered into a partnership with you to help continue your child's faith formation. Please give them your support and prayers. Remember, we can only reinforce what is being taught at home.

Contact the Faith Formation Office if you are interested in becoming a catechist, or volunteering as one of our support staff for our many programs. Visit our website for a list of volunteer opportunities.

SAFETY

*The safety of our children and youth is of utmost importance and a top priority. **Please use caution when escorting you child to and from their classrooms. There is NO car line.***