



Program Overview

Family Faith strives to build stronger Christian families while deepening our understanding of the Catholic faith.

Every First Sunday of the Month, September
- May of the year.**

Program Schedule 9:00-12:00pm

This is a monthly faith formation experience for the entire family. This program is offered as an alternative to the weekly Continuing Christian Education (CCE) program provided by the parish and combines group teaching with home study experiences.

The Family Faith program supports parents in being the primary educators of their children by providing regular opportunities to gather as a family and share their faith with each other in an intentional, thoughtful and relevant way.

*** Subject to changes based on academic calendar of school districts*

Message

As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:15

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They become connected to the larger community of other parish families in the program who encourage and support one another through prayer, deed, and fellowship.

The Family Faith program is offered on the first Sunday of each month with a few exceptions. The first meeting is an adult only session in August followed by once monthly family sessions starting in September through May of each year from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

How it's run

The program coordinator, Naomi Henry, and the CORE team volunteers strive to provide a welcoming environment where participating families take turns serving each other during the year by sharing the duties that help make Family Faith operate smoothly.

Each month, there is time for large group experiences, family Bible study/discussion and age level classes taught by parent catechists for all children ages 3 years through high school. Children will spend the entire session time with their families and one hour children PreK3-12th with grade-level catechist parent volunteers. A toddler room is available to children 12 months and older.

Curriculum Used

The program uses Our Sunday Visitor's Preschool program, ***Allelu***, and the Augustine Institute's ***Word of Life*** program for Kindergarten through Grade 8. The high school youth will use a variety of resources.

Work at Home for both the students and the families should be expected each month in order to fully cover, extend, and reinforce the lessons presented.

For this reason, Family Faith is considered a hybrid of the weekly and Home Study CCE programs and qualifies as on-going faith formation for both the children and parents.



Family Faith, Sacrament Preparation and Youth Ministry

Sacrament preparation **is not** a part of the Family Faith program and requires separate registration and appropriate fees.

Preparation for First Sacraments is **done apart** from Family Faith with **attendance at those meetings required** for preparation.

Those who are candidates for Confirmation must also attend regularly scheduled Confirmation classes separate and apart from Family Faith.

Participation in **Family Faith does qualify as continuing faith formation** for purposes of either registration and/or continuation in both sacrament preparation programs.

Registration forms for the sacraments may be found under the 'Registration' tab of the church website via <https://stlaurence.org/registration>.

High school and middle school youth are also encouraged to participate in the LIFE TEEN and Middle School Ministry (formerly EDGE) programs, respectively.