



September 2022

Dear Families,

We are excited to embark on the awesome adventure of accompanying you in the faith this year! It is with joy that we announce that Cathedral, St. Casimir, and St. Mary's Parishes are collaborating again to offer faith formation for families and learners of all ages. Our goal is to provide everyone in the family with opportunities to encounter Christ, to grow in knowledge of their faith, to give that faith context in your lived experience, and to empower each of you to take up Christ's mission.

We have stepped up our game to meet your formation needs. Based on your feedback from last year, we are making two major changes. First, we are returning to meeting weekly. Second, as a strong follow-up to Alpha, we will be running the Rescue Project (preview at rescueproject.us) for parents/adults, and youth who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Details

We ask that families keep Faith Formation on your calendars every Wednesday (except for specified breaks).

1st and 3rd Wednesdays (with one addition of Oct. 26th) we will continue to begin the evening with dinner at 5:30 at St. Casimir's church. We will break off into classes/small groups around 6:00. Grades 1-6 will engage in the Alive in Christ curriculum. Grades 7-9 will view and discuss Symbolon for Teens (available to view on formed.org). Adults and youth who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation will form small groups to view and discuss the highly recommended Rescue Project. We will conclude at 7:30pm.

2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays, we will have faith "Activity Nights" which will include a variety of activities such as rehearsals and performances of the Living Stations of the Cross, Advent/Christmas program, Holy Day Masses and more. There will be opportunities for involvement in these activities for every family member, even those who prefer to remain behind the scenes. Activity Nights will begin at 5:30 and end at 6:30. Location will be determined by the activity and will be communicated ahead of time. Dinner is not provided on Activity Nights.

Registration Information

The cost for Family Faith Formation is \$50 for the year for each family. Dinner will be provided 1st and 3rd Wednesdays thanks to a grant from Seeds of Faith. To register go to the Cathedral/St. Casimir website at <https://www.cascwinona.org/faith-formation>.

Sacramental Preparation

Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation continues to be held at your specific parish. St. Mary's families should have already received a mailing regarding these sacraments. Cathedral and St. Casimir families can find registration forms for these sacraments on the left-hand side of the Faith Formation page of our website (listed above).

Please contact Anna at Cathedral and Julie at St. Mary's if you have any concerns or questions.

In Christ's Peace,

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**Winona Catholic Community
Family Faith Formation Calendar
2022-2023**

10/5/22	Faith Formation Open House
10/12/22	Activity Night
10/26/22	Catechesis/ The Rescue Project 1: The Importance of Stories
11/2/22	Catechesis/ The Rescue Project 2: Why Is There <i>Something</i> Rather than <i>Nothing</i> ?
11/9/22	Activity Night
11/16/22	Catechesis/ The Rescue Project 3: The Enemy is the Enemy
11/30/22	Activity Night
12/7/22	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass, Catechesis/ Confessions
12/14/22	The Nativity
12/21/22	Catechesis/ The Rescue Project 4: It Gets Worse
1/11/23	Activity Night
1/18/23	Catechesis/ The Rescue Project 5: Why Did Jesus Come?
1/25/23	Activity Night
2/1/23	Catechesis/ The Rescue Project 6: What Difference Does It Make?
2/8/23	Activity Night: Stations Rehearsal #1
Sat. 2/11/23	The Rescue Project Retreat (7 & 8: Words Are Not Enough and What Does He Want From Me?)
2/15/23	Catechesis/ The Rescue Project 9: Getting Clarity on the Mission
2/22/23	Ash Wednesday Mass
3/1/23	Catechesis/ Stations Rehearsal #2
3/15/23	Catechesis/ Confessions
3/22/23	Activity Night: Stations Rehearsal #3
Tues. 3/28/23	Living Stations Dress Rehearsal
3/29/23	Living Stations of the Cross
4/5/23	Catechesis/ (Holy Week)
4/12/23	Activity Night
4/19/23	Catechesis
4/26/23	Activity Night
5/3/23	Catechesis
5/10/23	Activity Night
5/17/23	Catechesis
5/24/23	Activity Night

Reminders:

- 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and Oct. 26th we will meet at St. Casimir's and dinner will be served at 5:30PM.
- Activity Nights will begin at 5:30pm and end at 6:30pm. Location will be determined by the activity and will be communicated ahead of time. Dinner is not provided on Activity Nights.