

Faith Formation Interest Card

I am interested in helping out with or would like more information on the following program(s):

_____ Fall classes

_____ Sundays October-April
Two Sundays per month
9:00-11:15am

_____ Mondays September to April
Weekly
5:30-6:45pm

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return to the FFC or parish office

“ Faith formation is more than a subject to be taught—it is an invitation to a way of life. ”

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Children's Faith Formation

Volunteer Information



About Our Program

The Children's Faith Formation Program at St. Theresa's serves children in pre-school through 9th grade.

Students typically begin their preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and first Holy Eucharist in 1st grade. We offer a two-year Sacrament prep program for older students that missed this.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation begins in 7th grade and culminates with celebration of the Sacrament in the fall of 9th grade.

Occasionally, family need requires other options. Some students are eligible for a homeschool program. They are required to return work quarterly and participate in family catechesis sessions. We also allow students engaged in fall sports to homeschool for part of the year and return to the in-class format when the sport has ended, typically mid-November.

Currently, in-person classes are offered on Sunday mornings or Monday evenings. On Sundays, students meet twice per month for Mass & class. Monday classes meet weekly.

How Can I Help?

Hall monitor

HMs make sure students that leave the classroom get where they are going. They ensure restrooms are empty of children before allowing an adult to enter. The HM keeps all outside doors locked after the start of class and monitors any adult that requests to enter the building during class time. The HM may watch a class if the catechist needs to step out briefly.

Classroom aide

The classroom aide assists the catechist with in-class tasks such as attendance, student help, discipline, making copies, etc. The aide may be asked to cover a class should the catechist need off.

Catechist

The catechist is the lead teacher for a class. Catechists are responsible for lesson planning in accordance with diocesan and parish requirements by grade level.

Substitute

Subs are needed in all areas in case of call-outs. They are available on short notice. The Director supports all lesson planning for substitute catechists.

Mass helpers

Mass helpers greet children at the front door, lead them to their seats, and sit with them during 9am Mass twice per month.

Special event help

Throughout the year, help is often needed for special events such as Sacraments and vacation Bible school.

What Do I Do Next?

First, fill out the program interest card on this pamphlet with your contact info. The Director will reach out to speak with you regarding your area of interest.

If you would like to continue, every volunteer must be fingerprinted and attend a required training class. Fingerprinting must be done regardless of whether or not you have had it done somewhere else. St. Theresa's will make the appointment and assume the cost.

Diocese of Trenton Safe Environment training consists of (one) 3 hour class. This class is completed virtually at your convenience. Both fingerprinting and Virtus Safe Environment training must be renewed per Diocesan requirements.

