



June 1, 2024

Dear New Faith Formation Families,

Welcome to Faith Formation at St. Joseph Church! I pray that this letter finds your family well! It is a privilege to serve you and your children in the Church's catechetical ministry.

We are excited to begin the preparations to have in person programming starting once again in September for all class sessions...so be assured, we are continuing Faith Formation classes and Sacramental preparation in person for the 2024-2025 catechetical year. Jesus is the heart of our programs, and with all eyes on Jesus, we thank you for the opportunity to walk in Faith with your family. We need catechists and classroom helpers, if you are available, please contact us. The more support we have, the more we can offer your family.

**Registration information 2024-2025:**

Registration opens June 1<sup>st</sup> for new families. *Please remember that it is important for children to attend Faith Formation every year until the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated.*

\*\*\*Please note that these options are subject to change- Adjustments to session times will be made if remote options become necessary. We will always try and accommodate your family's needs in respect to the classes that you prefer. We appreciate your willingness to be open to any changes that we need to make for the safety of your children, families, and our catechists.

**The following are your options for your monthly Faith Formation classes:**

**Faith Formation Programs- in person once a month:**

- Sunday A 8:15am-9:45am 10 am Mass Grades 1-8 and Special Needs (parent session in English or Spanish)
- Tuesday Evening 6:30pm-8pm weekly Mass attendance expected (parent session in English or Spanish)
- Homeschool- grades 1-8 work at home, weekly Mass attendance expected, monthly assessments via parent email. (if needed on a case by case basis must be approved by the director and pastor)

**Sacramental Prep Programs- once a month in addition to the monthly faith formation session the year your child celebrates a Sacrament. Sessions begin in October and run monthly until the celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. First Communion is a two-year program and will be celebrated in grade 2 or the second year your family is in our faith formation program. Confirmation is celebrated in grade 8.**

**Faith Formation and Sacramental Fees:**

**Have you been considering becoming a catechist?** *Ask us about discounted family fees for all teachers in the program, no experience is necessary, and we encourage you to contact the faith formation office for more information.*

*\*\*If you anticipate this fee may cause a financial hardship, please contact the Faith Formation office to discuss the situation.*

- Faith Formation \$125 per student, \$180 for 2 children, \$210 for 3.
- Sacramental Prep \$90 per child. (a 10% discount is offered for 2 or more siblings enrolled in the sacramental Prep programs)

All registrations must be completed via google form. Please return your payment to the Church Rectory office- make sure to write **Attention: St Joseph Faith Formation Registration 2024-2025** on the envelope, checks can be made payable to St Joseph Church. Once I have received your registration, I will confirm with you via email or phone call. If you have any questions, please contact Jen in the faith formation office via email and we can set up a conference in person, via zoom or phone call. Links are below:

You can register via google form here:



**NOTE: All children must re-register for faith formation every year if they plan to be Confirmed in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The Archdiocese requires that children attend EVERY YEAR of classes between Communion and Confirmation preparation.**

I thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please contact the Faith Formation Office if you have any concerns.

Peace in Christ,

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