

2026-2027

Faith Formation Program for 1st – 6th Grade

1st Component: Regular weekly Sunday Mass attendance

2nd Component: Required Parent Orientation Meeting

This required orientation meeting will be held once on **Friday, September 25th, 2026 at 7 pm**. If you miss this meeting, it will have to be made up before your child can begin the program.

3rd Component: Meetings

Faith Formation for children entering 1st Grade in September 2026 will take place on Sundays from 9:25 AM to 10:25 AM. This meeting time provides families with the flexibility to attend either the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass before class or the 10:30 AM Mass afterward.

The 1st Grade program serves as a child's first "dive" into the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass and its many beautiful parts. Children will learn the prayers and responses of the assembly during the celebration of the Mass while also spending time reading and being catechized on the Scripture readings for that Sunday's Mass. Our hope is to help our youngest Faith Formation students begin to appreciate the gift, beauty, and richness of the Holy Mass as they prepare for their 2nd Grade formation the following year, during which they will receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist.

Faith Formation for children entering 2nd through 6th Grade in September 2026 will ordinarily take place on Wednesdays from 3:45 PM to 5:00 PM. Students will be divided by grade level according to enrollment and the number of catechists available and will receive instruction and catechesis from their assigned catechist.

Families with children entering 2nd or 3rd Grade may choose to attend Faith Formation on Sundays from 9:25 AM to 10:25 AM instead of Wednesdays. Offering this option allows our younger students to continue building upon the liturgical foundation established during their 1st Grade year while preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist.

If there is sufficient interest, we would also be happy to explore offering Sunday Faith Formation for students entering 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades. Families interested in this option are encouraged to let us know at the time of registration. The availability of Sunday classes for these grade levels will depend upon enrollment and whether we have enough catechists available to meet the need.

Throughout the year, we will also hold monthly special events for all students enrolled in any of our Faith Formation programs (Sunday, Wednesday, and summer Lighting Our Faith). These events will take place during our regular Wednesday Faith Formation time (3:45 PM to 5:00 PM) and are designed to foster a sense of Catholic community among our students while providing additional opportunities for prayer, catechesis, fellowship, and service.

A schedule outlining the entire year's events will be provided at the required Parent Orientation. We encourage families to reference it often so that they do not miss any important dates or activities.