

St. John
the
Evangelist
Family Catechesis



A FAMILY OF FAITH

[webpage with the Adult Meeting PowerPoints and Information](#)

[22-23 Calendar](#)

NEW FAITH FORMATION YEAR

Thank you for Registering for Faith Formation. Attached is the [calendar](#) for the year which is also posted on the website. Planning is still on going. I will continue to update the calendar as monthly programs become more specific so please visit the [Faith Formation page on our Parish Website](#) regularly.

FORMAT

The basic format for the program remains the same. As the Primary Catechists of our children, adults meet in the beginning of the month to learn and prepare for what the month is about and as a family community we meet at the end of the month to reinforce what we've been learning, discussing and practicing at home. As discussed, this year Community Meetings will usually be held on a Sunday including the 10:30AM Mass. The calendar was marked with a general timeframe for now. As monthly planning finalizes the time frames may slightly shift/shorten depending on the portion of catechesis that becomes included in the Mass. Community meetings will always include a fellowship (social/coffee donut) portion to build community within all age groups.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Beginning in October, we would like to offer optional children's activities during the Adult Meeting. We are working on building a volunteer team to make this possible. If you know of an adult or Confirmed High School Teen who might be interested in helping during this time, [please let me know](#). This activity time will not be mandatory; however, if we are able to do it, it will be a fun organized time for children to prepare for the month as their parents are doing the same. Monthly sign up will be necessary for planning purposes.

ALL ADULT VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH CHILDREN MUST BE SAFETY CERTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIOCESAN GUIDELINES. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AND IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE.

We have all been blessed with different gifts and talents. When we work together sharing these gifts, we are the Body of Christ. Please prayerfully consider an area in which you can share your talents. Any amount of time is appreciated.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Opening Mass and Picnic
- Sacrament Classes
- Fellowship Planning (Coffee and donuts etc. Community and Adult meeting)
- Adult Meeting Planning
- Faith Sharing
- Community Meeting Activities
- Mass Greeters
- Family Service Projects
- Year End Jeopardy Party
- Translator/bilingual community building
- Annual Program Fundraiser

SEPTEMBER

SACRAMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Sunday – 9/11

- 9:30 AM Auditorium - First Holy Communion information. Parents of First Communicants must attend with their children.
- 11:30AM Auditorium Confirmation Information Meeting – 7th and 8th grade parents attend with their children

ADULT MEETINGS

Monday – 9/12 or Tuesday – 9/13 – 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Parish Center Auditorium

- Pick up materials, review focus and program expectations for the year

[Watching You video](#)

COMMUNITY MEETING

Sunday 9/25 – 10:30AM Mass followed by Community Picnic (need help planning)

BEYOND A FAMILY OF FAITH

Other things going on in Faith Formation.

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS

Our Parish Monthly Youth Mass will Continue. Beginning again in October every First Sunday of the month the 10:30 AM Mass will be led by our High School Teens. Any teen interested in Serving as a Lector, Usher or Youth Choir sign up will be out shortly.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We are hoping to launch a High School Youth Group this Fall. Initial meetings will be following the Monthly Youth Mass. All High School Teens are welcome to join. Any adult interested in joining the team [please let me know](#).

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (or Teens)

If you are someone you know has not received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist) in the Catholic Church but want to or are interested in learning more, we will have Adult/Teen Formation beginning this Fall. Planning is still underway however please [contact the office](#) if you are interested or would like more information

MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION

If you were married civilly or outside of the Catholic church and would like to celebrate a Sacramental Marriage, please [contact the office](#) to find out more.