



Faith Formation Information

- **When does the program begin and end? When are the meetings?**
 - The program begins in late September and concludes in late May.
 - Children Classes are held on Sunday mornings, 9:05 AM - 9:50 AM, in various classrooms in Blessed Sacrament Parish School.
 - Parent Meetings are also held on Sunday mornings, 9:10 AM - 9:50 AM, in the Faith Formation Room.
 - Both children and parents attend the 10 AM Mass afterward.
- **How are the classes organized?**
 - Children will be placed in age appropriate classes. Typically, there is a 1st grade, 2nd-3rd grade, 4th-6th grade, and 7th-8th grade class.
- **What materials are used for the program?**
 - The faith formation program we are using is called the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies. This program differs from other programs in a number of significant ways that make it an effective way to teach your children.
 - This is a method of instruction that integrates faith formation lessons with the life of the parish community experienced in the Sunday Eucharist. The content of the program flows from the Sunday Gospel and children learn their faith within the rhythms of the liturgical year - Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time.
- **Who teaches the classes?**
 - Volunteer catechists are assigned to each class. These individuals share their time and talents to share the Good News and bring children closer to Christ. All catechists undergo a background check and Safe Environment Training.
 - The Faith Formation Coordinator, along with guest speakers, lead the parent meetings.
- **How much does the program cost?**
 - The class fee is \$35/per year. Check or cash accepted.
- **How and when do you register?**
 - Registration begins in August. The registration form can either be downloaded and printed from a computer or picked up at the Parish Office. Once completed, the form must be returned to the Parish Office, along with the class fee and each child's official baptismal certificate. Each certificate will be copied and returned promptly.
- **When is the reception of the Sacraments?**
 - Sacramental preparation is a two year process. In a child's second year, First Reconciliation is in mid-February and First Eucharist in early May.