



Baptism

All parents are expected to attend our baptismal preparation class before their child's baptism is celebrated. If you attended our parish's class for another child within the last 5 years, then re-attending is optional for the current child. Classes are scheduled as needed. Call the office to register or schedule a baptism for your child!

Adult Reception into the Christian Faith (RCIA)

RCIA is for those who would like to join the Catholic Church or Catholics who have not received all their sacraments. This process is individually tailored to each person. It may include inquiry interviews, pairing up with a mentor in the parish, and attending a variety of parish worship, formation, and community events. Contact Dan in the St. Mary office for more information!



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FAITH FORMATION

2021-2022



St. Mary Mission:

*Making Christ real by living the Gospel,
worshipping together, and serving others.*

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Pray & Play

Preschool: Age 4

In the preschool session, children learn about our Catholic faith in a hands-on space especially for young children. Stories, songs, and hands-on interaction will engage children as they pray and play together. This session is especially for preschool children ages 4-5. Parents will be in the same room or nearby the children at this time and will lead their own prayer and discussion group.

Sessions will meet twice a month on Wednesday at the 5:00 pm time only.

Elementary Faith Formation

Kindergarten - 4th Grades

Elementary students will meet in classrooms by grade level twice a month on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30pm. Once registered, families will not be able to switch between the sessions. While students attend their session, parents will be required to stay for a special adult session.



Gospel Weeklies provide the core of the elementary formation. Children meet Jesus Christ in the Sunday Gospels and explore the meaning of the Church's Creed, Sacraments, and common prayers through hands-on activities, meaningful discussions, and faith sharing.



First Reconciliation & First Communion

2nd Grade & Older

Children and parents meet together for 3 sessions this fall to prepare to celebrate First Reconciliation in the winter, followed by 3 additional sessions to prepare to celebrate First Communion in the spring. These sessions, with additional home learning, reflect on the teachings of Jesus and His life.

Children also must be registered in a regular faith formation session. Children in 2nd grade or older welcome!



5th - 8th Grades

EDGE sessions for middle school students meet twice a month on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Fun games and ice breakers get the evening started, meaningful witness talks take place in a large group, and small breakout groups round out the evening. Each session will have all this, along with opportunities for prayer and reflection as students develop relationships and learn about our Catholic faith.



Confirmation Preparation

High School: Grades 9-12

Current juniors will complete the second year of the CHOSEN program. A day long retreat will also take place to prepare the teens for the sacrament of Confirmation. This year Confirmation will take place on May 1.

Freshmen and sophomore students should sign up now to begin the first year of their two-year Confirmation preparation program. Juniors and seniors who did not begin preparation last year should also register now! During the sessions teens are called to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through videos, discussion, reflection and prayer as they prepare for Confirmation.

Sessions meet in-person twice a month on Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm.