

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 the St. Mary office for more information!



Adult Formation

Watch our bulletin for information about Holy Spirits, faith sharing groups, and other opportunities for adult faith formation!

Thank You to our 2022/2023 Faith Formation Commission:

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The Faith Formation Commission of St. Mary Parish meets once a month to assist the faith formation staff in evaluating existing programming and researching and planning for future programming.

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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 through stories, songs, and hands-on interaction as they pray and play together.

This session is tailored for preschool children ages 4-5. *Parents of preschoolers are required to stay at St. Mary.*

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Kindergarten—4th Grade

Elementary students will attend two Wednesdays each month from 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm. Once registered, families will not be able to switch between the sessions due to limited space.

Gospel Weeklies provide the core of this program. 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 and discussion.

★ *While students attend their session, parents are encouraged to help in the classrooms, stay for fellowship, or participate in a Bible study group.*



5th—8th Grades

EDGE sessions for middle school students meet twice a month on Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 pm.

Games and ice breakers, witness talks, a snack and small breakout groups are part of EDGE sessions. In addition, each session will have opportunities for prayer and reflection as students develop relationships and learn about our Catholic faith.

CHOSEN: CONFIRMATION PREP

High School

This two-year program is the foundation of Confirmation preparation. **All sessions meet on Wednesday evenings.**



Freshmen and any high school students who did not begin preparation last year should register for **Year 1** now! During the sessions teens are called to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through video, discussion, reflection and prayer.

Students enrolled last year need to register for **Year 2**. Sessions will meet on Wednesday evenings and focus on the sacrament of Confirmation. A day-long Sunday retreat will also take place to prepare the teens & their sponsors for the sacrament.

Confirmation will take place in the fall on Nov. 20, 2022.



FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST 2nd Grade & older

Children and parents meet together for 3 sessions this fall to prepare to celebrate First Reconciliation, 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 the Last Supper.

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

BAPTISM



Parents need to attend a baptismal preparation class before their child's baptism is celebrated.

If you have attended our parish's class for another child within the last 5 years, then attending again is optional. The next class will be offered on Oct. 3, 2022. Call the office to register or schedule a baptism for your child.