



We look forward to being partners with you this year in sharing our Catholic faith with you and your child(ren).

There are two new features to this year's program. First is we are asking all parents to participate in a faith formation once a month. Second, the Jr. High Home program has been revised. Please read the description carefully.

Information on Programs

- **Sunday Weekly Program** instruction is offered in academy classrooms for grades 1 through 6. Classes begin in mid-September 2024 and go on to April 2025.
 - Class begins at 8:45am to 9:45am
 - Parents gather for a monthly Faith Formation in the parish center one Sunday morning a month from 9:00am to 9:40am (only one parent must attend) during the same time their child(ren) are in class.
 - Attendance is required for all faith formation classes.

- **The Summer Program** is an intensive course of catechesis for grades 1 through 8 that is taught in a span of 5 consecutive days during a week in June or August. Additionally, classes once a month during the academic year are on Sunday morning for students and faith formation for parents.
 - Summer morning class time is 8:30am to 12:00pm
 - Option 1 – June 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28
 - Option 2 – August 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16
 - Sunday return classes once a month during academic year – dates TBD
 - Class is from 8:45am to 9:45am in the academy classrooms.
 - Attendance is required for all classes.
 - Parents gather for the monthly Faith Formation in the parish center on the same morning from 9:00am to 9:40am (only one parent must attend) during the academic year.

- **Home Program** is for children in grades 1 through 6. This an at home model, the parent or guardian is the primary instructor for catechesis, giving individualized learning on a semi flexible schedule.
 - Monthly gatherings are on a weekday evening.
 - Begin at 7:00pm and conclude at 8:00pm in the parish center.
 - Children attend faith formation in a classroom setting and parents attend a faith formation in the community room.
 - Two opportunities are offered each month.
 - Sign Up Genius sends each parent an invitation each month to sign their child(ren) up for the formation.



- **NEW - The Junior High Home Program is for children entering Grades 7 and 8.** The model of this program is to experience catechesis both in classroom and at home instruction.
 - Jr. High Program begins at 7:00pm to 8:00pm for both students and parents.
 - One evening during the weekday as an option each month.
 - Faith formation for parents will be at the same time their child has class.

Going to church every Sunday provides each of us, and our family with a strong Christian foundation with which to build their life upon. This comes from hearing the Word of God, and how much God loves us. We build our parish community by coming to Mass and praying with others each weekend. Each child is expected to sign-in once a month.

Faith Formation Registration Fee:

One Child - \$230 Two children - \$380 Three or more children - \$480

Faith Formation Volunteer Positions

The Faith Formation Programs at St. John’s requires the assistance of numerous volunteers to work effectively. The various positions that volunteers fill is described below:

Catechist is a person of faith who leads the class of students to help them develop a deeper understanding of the doctrine of the Catholic faith. A catechist manual and curriculum guideline is provided as are support gatherings throughout the year.

A Co-Catechist are two people of faith who share leading the class of students to help them develop a deeper understanding of the doctrine of the Catholic faith. A catechist manual and curriculum guideline is provided for each person as are support gatherings throughout the year.

A Classroom Aide helps the catechist in the classroom with various responsibilities.

Faith Formation Catechist/Co-Catechist Registration Fee:

Sunday Weekly program Catechist Payment (Grades 1 to 6)

One Child - \$90.00 Two Children - \$180.00 Three or more Children - \$250.00

Co-Catechist Payment Grades 1 to 6)

One Child - \$160.00 Two Children - \$300.00 Three or more Children - \$400.00

Summer Program Catechist Payment (Grades 1 to 8)

One Child - \$90.00 Two Children - \$180.00 Three or more Children - \$250.00

Co-Catechist Payment (Grades 1 to 8)

One Child - \$160.00 Two Children - \$300.00 Three or more Children - \$400.00

Home Program Catechist (Grades 1 to 6)

One Child - \$160.00 Two Children - \$300.00 Three or more Children - \$400.00

Jr. High Home Program Catechist (Grades 7 and 8)

One Child - \$160.00 Two Children - \$300.00 Three or more Children - \$400.00



First Sacrament and Confirmation Registration

First Reconciliation and First Communion is offered to children of our parish in the second grade or older who have been baptized in catholic church. Parish community families who currently have a child(ren) registered in St. John's Faith Formation (aka CCD) or St. John Academy and entering 2nd grade or higher in September 2024 can register. The initial parent meeting will be in October 2024.

Confirmation is a two-year preparation program for high school youth in grades 9 and 10 that meets throughout the year. Candidates have time for discernment, and formation as they seek to follow Christ as one of His disciples. The two-year program includes information meetings to guide the candidates on their journey, 4 sessions each year (total of 8), 15 hours of service, retreat time, and two events. Facilitators, sponsors, and families work with the church community to assist and empower the candidates as they give witnesses to their faith in words, and action by using their gifts to live out their Christian vocation.

Parish community families who have a son or daughter entering 9th grade in September Can register online. The initial incoming candidate and parent meeting on May, 7th at 7:00pm in the parish center.