

St. John the Baptist Parish Faith Formation

"Inspiring lifelong Catholic disciples rooted in Word, Sacrament, Community and Service."

What is Faith Formation?

Faith Formation is a journey in our relationship with God. It begins in the family, the PRIMARY Community, where faith is shared and nurtured in your children. The church community provides SUPPORT throughout this formation process.

What makes up a Faith Formation Program?

A Faith Formation Program embraces various ways in which to grow in our Catholic Faith. It enables us to learn about our faith, ponder the faith we believe, live and celebrate our faith and pray. The goal of our Faith Formation Program is; "active learning as the basis of active faith" experienced through/by:

- Attending weekend Mass
- Attending St. John the Baptist School or Notre Dame Academy
- Faith Formation Sessions
- Sacrament Preparation
- Churchtime
- Youth activities
- Service opportunities
- Retreats
- Social activities and more

GUIDELINES:

GRADES 1-8

Attend scheduled Faith Formation classes on either Monday or Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:15pm.

GRADES 9-10

Complete 4 core courses and 2 elective courses within their 9th and 10th grade. Attend 2 retreats (1 in each grade), service experiences, and all large group events. Students are advised to take 3 courses in each grade, so they avoid cramming all 6 courses into one year. Four blocks are offered during the school year and one during the summer. Only one course can be taken in the summer block. School year courses are held on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:45pm in the Ministry Center and/or school. Summer courses run the first two weeks of Howard-Suamico's Summer School Program in the morning and evening. Attendance for each session in each course is required. If more than one session is missed no credit will be given for the course. Students can begin their Confirmation preparation once the 6 courses are completed and they are in their junior year of high school.

CONFIRMATION (Grades 11-12)

Students can begin their Confirmation preparation if:

- the required number of High School Faith Formation courses are completed
- Notre Dame Academy students have met their religious education requirements
- They have attended formal Faith Formation classes at St. John the Baptist or a former parish for at least one year.

Confirmation preparation sessions are **Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:15pm in the school.**

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What if I have a child with cognitive needs?

Children or adults with cognitive needs are invited to participate in programs at Nativity Parish on Oneida Street. These programs include Faith Formation classes, Sacrament preparation and adult faith sharing. Sessions are held 12 times per year and each session ends with Mass. For further information please contact Susan Shefka Peters at 920-265-5210.

Do you have anything for my kindergartener or preschooler?

Yes, children ages 4-7 years (that have not received First Eucharist) are invited to participate in Churchtime every Sunday during the 10am Mass. Registration is not required.

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When does my child receive First Reconciliation and/or First Eucharist?

Most children receive these sacraments in second grade. Parent and child preparation meetings for these sacraments are required. **A child is required to have one year of Faith Formation or Catholic school education prior to receiving these sacraments.**

What if my child/ren attends St. John’s School or Notre Dame Academy?

A child attending either of these schools and wishes to prepare for the reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and/or Confirmation must be registered when our yearly registration takes place as well as pay the sacrament fee/s.

What do I do if my child has not celebrated Reconciliation and/or First Eucharist by the end of second grade?

You are encouraged to register your child at this time if you feel he/she is ready.

When does my teenager celebrate Confirmation?

The usual time for Confirmation is in the junior or senior year of high school. Preparation for this sacrament begins in September. Please refer to the Confirmation information on preceding page.

For further information please call
St. John’s Faith Formation Office at 434-2417 ext. 206

We look forward to a wonderful year of faith sharing.

SCHEDULE			
SUN:	Confirmation	Grade 11	7:00-8:15pm
MON:	Faith Formation Sessions	Grades 1-8	6:00-7:15pm
WED:	Faith Formation Sessions	Grades 1-8	6:00-7:15pm
		Grades 9-10	7:30-8:45pm