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Ordinary.  
Called to the  
Extraordinary.

## Family Faith Formation

Family life is filled with the ordinary; raising children, day-to-day routines and tasks. But in all of its ordinariness, God allows us time to discover the extraordinary ways our Catholic faith gives meaning and purpose to our everyday lives.

Join us for Family Faith Formation 2022-2023. Sessions will be held the first three Wednesdays of the month at 4:30 & 6:30pm for 60-minutes. Sessions begin on Wednesday, September 7th. A detailed list of program offerings is below.

Registration is now open at:

<https://www.stpatselkhorn.org/family-faith-formation.html>

### PreS - K

#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

- Montessori based catechesis for the young child, ages 3-6
- Kindergarten parents can opt into either CGS or Family Faith
- Classes will meet three Wednesdays per month (September thru May) at 4:30pm and 6:30pm during Family Faith Formation (max 24 students) per session.
- Class size is limited to 12 students per session and will be filled on a first come, first served basis

### K-5th

#### Family Faith Formation

- Families will come to campus three Wednesdays per month at 4:30pm or 6:30pm (September thru May) for an hour-long session.
- Child must attend with a parent every week. Any child without a parent chaperone will have parents called and be sent home.
- **Week 1:** Parents and children will gather together for opening prayer and to an introduction for the month's theme. Children will be dismissed to attend grade level specific catechesis. Parents will stay and prepare for the week 2 activities.
- **Week 2:** Families will participate in the activity that was prepared for in week 1 with other families in small groups.
- **Week 3:** Parents and children will gather together for an opening prayer. Children will be dismissed to attend grade level specific catechesis. Parents will participate in faith sharing small groups and other adult faith formation events, or parents are welcome to attend in the classroom with their child.

### 6-8th

#### Middle School Formation

- Students will come to campus three Wednesdays per month at 6:30pm (September thru May) for an hour-long session.
- Large group opening sessions followed by grade level small groups facilitated by the Youth Ministry Team
- Small Group sessions for 7th/8th grade will include Sacrament Preparation

Questions? Contact the Family Faith Formation Office at (402) 289-4947.

# Sacraments: Worth the Celebration

Sacrament Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation (7th & 8th grade) begins in August.

## First Reconciliation

Preparation for First Reconciliation will be in the classroom as part of the Family Faith Formation Program on the first and third Wednesdays of the month as well as a full day retreat at the Church. At least one parent is required to be in attendance for the retreat; however, both are welcome. Reception of the Sacrament will occur as part of the retreat day. Retreat Dates: Saturday, November 12th from 8-1pm or Saturday, November 19th from 8-1pm

## First Eucharist

Preparation for First Eucharist will be in the classroom as part of the Family Faith Formation Program on the first and third Wednesday of the month and a 3-hour retreat at the Church. At least one parent is required to be in attendance; however, both are welcome. First Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday, April 23rd. Retreat Date: Saturday, April 15th from 8-11am

## 7th Grade Confirmation

Preparation for Confirmation begins in the 7th grade with active participation in the Middle School Formation program. Additional Requirements:

- Full day Identity in Christ Retreat. Retreats will be held offsite at Pro Sanctity Center (11002 N 204th Street, Elkhorn NE 68002). Only students will attend. Lunch will be served. Retreat Date: Saturday, May 13th from 8am-3pm

## 8th Grade Confirmation

Preparation for Confirmation continues into the 8th grade year with participation in the Middle School Formation program. Additional requirements for Confirmation include:

- Participation in a Discipleship Mentor Group and complete 6 hours of community service with the discipleship group
- Full Day Spirit Retreat off-site at Pro Sanctity Center (11002 N 204th Street, Elkhorn NE 68002). Only students will attend. Lunch will be served. Retreat Date: Saturday, August 20th from 9-3pm
- 12 Community Service Hours: Six hours to be completed over the summer with family or Confirmation sponsor and due at the retreat. Six additional hours to be completed between September 1st and December 31, 2022 with family or Confirmation sponsor.
- Confirmation Conversation
- Letter to the Archbishop

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at a date to be determined by the Archbishop.



## Registration & Sacrament Preparation Fees

### Family Faith Formation (K-5th)

\$140 per child, max \$350 per family

### Middle School Faith Formation (6th-8th)

\$140 per child, max \$350 per family

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (PreS-K)

\$140 per child, max \$350 per family

### Sacrament Preparation

2nd Grade - includes materials, supplies and two retreats, \$80 per child

7th Grade - includes materials, supplies and a full day retreat, \$55 per child

8th Grade - includes materials, supplies and a full day retreat, \$105 per child