



Our Family of Faith In Real Life

Family Faith Formation

Real life is messy. It's loud. It's busy. It's joyful. It's happy. It's sad. Sometimes it's maddening. But it has real purpose! Living out our faith involves embracing exactly where you are at as a family and inviting Jesus into the mix. As we continue our journey as one family of faith next year, we want to embrace all that real life has to offer. Here is a look at our Family Faith Formation offerings for the 2021-2022 calendar year.

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 4:00pm and 6:00pm during Family Faith Formation (max 20 students) or a weekday morning, Tuesdays at 9:30am or Wednesdays at 9:30am (max 20 students)
- Class size is limited to 10 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 4:00pm or 6:00pm (September thru May)
- Child must attend with a parent every week. Any child without a parent chaperone will have parents called and be sent home.
- Weeks 1 & 2: Family groups will rotate between Family Faith In Action & Family Faith Encounter. These weeks provide a retreat-like experience for families to actively engage and participate in the faith in both large and small group environments.
- Week 3: Children will attend grade level specific catechesis. Parents will have the option to be in the child's classroom or to attend an Adult Faith Formation offering. Sacrament Preparation for 2nd grade will occur during this time.

6-8th

Middle School Formation

- Students will come to campus three Wednesdays per month at 4:00pm or 6:00pm (September thru May)
- 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

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Action



Family groups will meet in the gym for interactive activities designed to get you up and moving (games, skits, videos, small group challenges) and allowing our community of faith to come together with fun!

Encounter



Family groups will meet in the church for interactive spiritual activities (worship, prayer, guest speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, small group sharing) designed to allow us to start to put our faith into action.

Learn



We bring it all together to review the key concepts of the month. Children will meet in the classroom for a grade level specific session. Parents can participate in the classroom or choose another Adult Faith Formation Offering.

Sessions begin September 8th. Online registration opens April 12.

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 third Wednesday 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, October 23rd from 8-2pm or Saturday, October 30th from 8-2pm

First Eucharist

Preparation for First Eucharist will be in the classroom as part of the Family Faith Formation Program on the 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 the weekends of April 30th & May 1st and May 7th-8th.

Retreat Dates: Saturday, April 8th from 8-11am or Saturday, April 23rd 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:

- Participation in a Discipleship Mentor Group
- 10 Community Service Hours with family or Confirmation Sponsor
- 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 Dates: Saturday, April 23rd from 9-3pm or Saturday, April 30th from 9-3pm

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
- 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 Dates: Saturday, August 21st from 9-3pm or Saturday, August 28th from 9-3pm
- 18 Community Service Hours: Six hours to be completed over the summer with family or Confirmation sponsor and due at the retreat. Twelve additional hours to be completed between September 1st and December 31, 2021 (six hours to be completed with Discipleship Group, six hours 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)

\$135 per child, max \$350 per family

Middle School Faith Formation (6th-8th)

\$135 per child, max \$350 per family

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (PreS-K)

\$135 per child, max \$350 per family

Sacrament Preparation

2nd Grade - includes materials, supplies and two retreats, \$75 per child

7th Grade - includes materials, supplies and a full day retreat, \$50 per child

8th Grade - includes materials, supplies and a full day retreat, \$100 per child