



# 2024-2025

## FAMILY CENTERED FAITH FORMATION

### FAMILIES LEARNING AND SHARING THEIR FAITH

#### HERE'S HOW OUR PROGRAM WORKS . . .

- Each family chooses only ONE day of each month for class – either Monday or Wednesday. Can't make it for your registered session? Upon requests monthly, families who may need to switch upon request. **KEY WORDS: Family, Faith, Flexibility and Fun!**
- Class is in session from September through April. We attend Mass and honor God all year long!
- All age groups cover the same faith concepts, so families can share their understanding during their weekly home study. A binder of weekly assignments is provided at the beginning of the year.
- 1<sup>st</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> grade students meet with their parents for hands-on learning experiences.
- 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet in a traditional classroom setting with their peers, while their parents gather in a different area for an adult level formation of the topic their children are studying.
- \*"Saints in Training" – A class combining Kindergartners and 1<sup>st</sup> graders – will provide an option for parents who feel their 1<sup>st</sup> Graders would benefit from a more basic explanation of the topic each month. If parents prefer, their 2<sup>nd</sup> graders may also attend this class. Parents who do not have other children in the program will participate with their child in "Saints in Training" classroom. Trinity Tots playgroup is available for 0-5 yr. old siblings at no additional cost.

*\* Saints in Training and Trinity Tots are offered pending registration for next year. Changes will be announced in the fall before sessions begin.*

#### "GOD THINGS" HAPPEN WHEN FAMILIES WORK TOGETHER!

- Faith becomes a FAMILY EXPERIENCE –  
Children turn to their parents to guide them.  
Parents learn new ways to nurture their family's faith.
- The whole family learns about our Catholic Traditions and rich spiritual heritage while celebrating their faith together, the way our Lord intended.
- You'll meet and make friends with other parish families.

#### YOUR COMMITMENT . . .

- At least one adult (preferably parent or guardian) attends each monthly session.
- Families promise to attend Holy Mass weekly and on holy days of obligation and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly.
- Families share approximately 30-60 minutes per week completing their supplemental home materials.
- Families perform 6 hours of "Service for God" each year. (We have several *family friendly* projects for you to choose from.)
- Parents attend an orientation meeting before the start of classes on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Please call if you have questions – 630-968-1366 ext. 112

*Please Note: Additional workshops, retreats, and parent meetings will be necessary for preparing for any Sacrament. Generally, students prepare for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; students prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. One full year of Religious Education is required before preparing for any Sacrament.*