



St. Callistus Parish Faith Formation Program 2021-2022

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Faith Formation is a lifelong journey beginning in the home where the foundations of faith are laid primarily by the child's parents and their godparents in their ongoing responsibility to foster the child's growth in faith and to encourage and support the parents in their work of passing on the faith. Along with the families we as a community work together to guide our children toward a life of discipleship to Jesus.

Our Catechetical program of instruction is provided for the children and youth of our parish. The program for grades K through 8 have classes on Sunday mornings from September to May. The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) during the Sunday 10 am Mass for our 4-7 year-olds is another opportunity for our youngest parishioners to learn about God's love.

Faith Formation Sessions are on Sundays from 11:00 - 11:45 am. Parents are given the opportunity to live their faith together as a family by celebrating the Holy Mass either before the faith formation at 10 or after at 12 pm. Please make use of this opportunity and attend our Sunday Mass.

EXPECTATIONS OF FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Promptness and regular attendance at every class are important for a more complete understanding of the teachings of the church and our faith. Please inform the Faith Formation office in advance about your child's absence for the session.

Parents are requested to drop off and pick up their child(ren) from their respective classrooms.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION (FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST)

Children are given the opportunity to prepare for and celebrate the Sacraments of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation when requirements are met. We hope that you fully understand your responsibility and encourage your child to continue their religious formation throughout their growing years and not to stop after they receive the Sacraments. Children must:

- be validly baptized Catholics and a copy of the baptismal certificate must accompany the registration forms.
- be in second grade or older.
- be registered and attending Faith Formation classes regularly.
- have attended a Faith Formation program at least one year prior to the year they are to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Parents must attend the mandatory sacramental preparation meeting and the Sacramental Family Day offered for each Sacrament.

Families are expected to attend Mass on a regular basis as worshipping with the parish community is an essential part of the child's formation in our faith.

REGISTRATION FEES: First Holy Communion Fee in Second year: \$ 30.00,

For Families registered in St. Callistus Parish:

\$ 65.00 for first child

\$ 45.00 for second child

\$ 20.00 for third or more children each

For Families registered in other parishes:

\$ 75.00 for first child

\$ 50.00 for second child

\$ 25.00 for third or more child each

Please note: *Financial hardship must never prevent you from registering your child for Faith Formation, so please speak with the Faith Formation Director.*

IN-PERSON SESSIONS

To maintain a safe and health learning environment, the following safety protocols should be followed in our in-person Faith Formation sessions:

- Parents and children should follow the current health protocols of the Church
- All should sanitize their hands while entering the Parish Hall/classrooms
- All should avoid shaking hands, refrain from touching others, and nod in greeting or acknowledgement instead

To maintain a safe and healthy environment, we will sanitize our high-touch areas before and after all sessions. Windows and doors will be opened to allow proper ventilation of rooms.

IN CASE OF ZOOM SESSIONS

In-person is the best method for teaching, of course, but just in case we are requested to revert back to Zoom sessions, please review below and have your children adhere to the following Rules of Engagement:

Environment at Home:

- Best if Child has a quiet environment/space with least distraction
- Set computer or device on a desk or table where it remains unmoved during the entire session
- Have the child seated comfortably
- Child should have completed assigned reading or homework
- Child should have session materials ready and nearby: book(s), writing pad, a pen or pencil

Before Zoom Log On:

- Zoom link, ID, and passcode are given by respective Catechist
- Log on about 10 minutes before Zoom session starts

Zoom Settings:

- Child's first name should be entered so to appear in the Zoom window (bottom left)
- Select "Speaker" view, not "Gallery" view at top right corner of zoom window (participants thumbnail at top and Speaker has large view center of the Zoom window)
- Make sure Zoom captures his/her entire face on the video frame
- Have MIC on mute mode for least distraction for all (the mic icon should have a red line over it)

During Zoom Session / Rules of Engagement – your child(s):

- full face should remain within the Zoom video frame during entire Zoom session
- video/camera should remain on during Zoom even while breaking for restroom with permission
- who wishes to speak should raise their hand and be on UNMUTE mode once called upon by Catechist
- use of the Zoom chat feature should only be used for related FF session topics and addressed to either "Everyone" or privately to the Host/Catechist or assistant



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CHILD 1 INFORMATION | ENROLL FOR: FIRST COMMUNION YEAR 1 YEAR 2 ONGOING

NAME: FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST (as on Birth or Baptism Cert.) _____ GRADE _____ Male Female
GENDER

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY, STATE, COUNTRY if other than U.S.) _____ PREFERRED FAMILY CONTACT# _____

CURRENT ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ PREFERRED FAMILY EMAIL _____

BAPTISMAL DATE | CHURCH NAME _____ CITY, STATE _____ Y N (attach copy) CERT ON FILE _____ 1ST COMM. DATE | CHURCH NAME _____

CHILD 2 INFORMATION | ENROLL FOR: FIRST COMMUNION YEAR 1 YEAR 2 ONGOING

NAME: FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST (as on Birth or Baptism Cert.) _____ GRADE _____ Male Female
GENDER

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY, STATE, COUNTRY if other than U.S.) _____

BAPTISMAL DATE | CHURCH NAME _____ CITY, STATE _____ Y N (attach copy) CERT ON FILE _____

1ST COMM. DATE | CHURCH NAME _____ CITY, STATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

FATHER'S/GUARDIAN FULL NAME _____ EMAIL _____ PHONE (Cell/Home/Work) _____ FATHER'S RELIGION _____

MOTHER'S/GUARDIAN FULL NAME _____ EMAIL _____ PHONE (Cell/Home/Work) _____ MOTHER'S RELIGION _____

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME _____ PARISH/MASS - Family attends _____ Yes No REGISTERED _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

CONTACT NAME 1 _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ CELL PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

CONTACT NAME 2 _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ CELL PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

| OFFICE USE ONLY Payment - Financial assistance is available, if needed. | | | Date Submitted _____ |
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| | Parishioner | Non-Parishioner | Total Amount |
| <input type="radio"/> 1st Child | \$65 | \$75 | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> 2nd Child | \$45 | \$50 | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Add'l Child | \$20 x _____ (# of add'l) | \$25 x _____ (# of add'l) | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> First Reconciliation / Communion Fee (2nd Year Sacramental Prep) | \$30 x _____ (# of children receiving 1st Communion) | | _____ |
| Received by _____ | | | Check# _____ Grand Total _____ |