



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the **2022-2023 Faith Formation year!** Attached to this letter are the registration forms for this year and important dates.

This year we are making a few changes to our program as we transition into family ministry. When you had your child baptized you committed to raising your child in the Catholic faith, becoming their first teacher or catechist. It's the Church's responsibility to aid you in this process. We are hoping this transition to a more family-centered program will be beneficial to you and your child when it comes to this role.

We will have class twice a month from 9:30am-10:25am, with the whole family attending. These classes will focus on a theme for the month and how you as a family can continue to practice this theme at home. Some examples of these themes are prayer, Advent, and The Holy name of Jesus.

Along with our twice-a-month meetings, we will be offering weekly formation opportunities for parents. These classes will take place on Monday evenings at 7pm in person and will also be offered in an online format. These classes will also be a part of the sacramental preparation for families preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

This year will also be offering Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st Graders. This will happen on Wednesdays from 3:45pm-5:15pm. As of right now, you can choose to enroll your qualifying child in one or both Faith Formation options this year. This class will have limited space and tends to fill up fast so please register early.

Lastly, we welcomed baby number 4, Siena LilianJosephine at the end of July. I will be returning to the office Monday, September 19th. In the meantime, you can contact Briege in the parish office with any questions. Otherwise, I will get back to you when I am back in the office in September.

This time around pregnancy was no walk in the park, it never really is but this one was a doozy. But two things have really transformed the process. A quote from St. Catherine of Siena who our Siena was named after, "Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring." And James 4:8 "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." I pray this year of family formation draws you ever closer to God, and while change is never easy, I pray you find what you achieve as a family is worth it all.

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Faith Formation weekends

Oct 2	Dec 11
Oct 16	Jan 8
Nov 13	Jan 22
Nov 20	Feb 5
Dec 4	Feb 12

March 5
March 19
April 16
April 23

First Reconciliation class

Adult Class: Oct 10-Dec 12, no class on Oct 31

Student Class: TBD

First Communion Class

Adult Class: Feb. 13-March 27, no class on Feb 20

Student Class: TBD

Student Retreat: TBD

First Communion: Sunday, May 7th, 10:30am

Confirmation sessions

Adult Class: Jan 23-Feb 6

Student Class

Session 1 10/16

Session 2 11/13

Session 3 12/4

Session 5 1/22

Session 6 2/12

Session 7 3/5

Retreat: TBD

Confirmation: TBD

Middle School

Movie Retreat Oct 8th
Open Center Oct 22th 6pm
Open Center Nov 12th 6pm
Open Center Dec. 10 6pm
Open Center Jan 21th 6pm
Open Center Feb 11th 6pm
Open Center March 4th 6pm
Shine Youth Rally March 2023
Open Center April 29th 6pm

High School

Movie Retreat Oct 8th
Open Center Oct 22th
Antioch retreat Nov. 4th-6th
Open Center Nov 12th 6pm
Open Center Dec. 10 6pm
Open Center Jan 21th 6pm
Open Center Feb 11th 6pm
Refresh Retreat Feb. 25th-26th
Open Center March 4th 6pm
Open Center April 29th 6pm