



Generations of Faith

A faith formation experience for
today's families living their
faith in today's world

"Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith." —Pope Francis

WELCOME TO GOF!

The Church of Saint Ann's faith formation program
for families with children in grades 1-8.

- **A STRUCTURED EXPERIENCE.** Faith formation through seven sessions spread out between September and April. Each session lasts about an hour and forty-five minutes. Offered on Saturday mornings and Sunday evenings, you pick the one that best accommodates your schedule.* Sunday Liturgy (Mass) is central and begins your week.
- **A FAMILY EXPERIENCE.** We accommodate the whole family with age appropriate faith formation, K-3, 4-6, 7-8, *and* adult. Families come together (at least one parent), share a meal, and are introduced to the monthly theme before breaking out into the activity sessions. The session closes with prayer.
- **AN ONGOING EXPERIENCE.** Empowering parents to faith and to share faith with their children, we provide supporting resources for the home and activities to continue the conversation and enrich your faith.

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THEME: *Jesus Lives*

2023—2024 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER - Saturday 16 at 9:30 AM,
or Sunday 24 at 5:00 PM

OCTOBER - Saturday 7 at 9:30 AM,
or Sunday 22 at 5:00 PM

NOVEMBER - Saturday 4 at 9:30 AM,
or Sunday 19 at 5:00 PM

DECEMBER - Saturday 2 at 9:30 AM
or Sunday 3 at 5:00 PM

JANUARY—Family life home study, no sessions

FEBRUARY—Saturday 3 at 9:30 AM,
or Sunday 18 at 5:00 PM

MARCH - Saturday 2 at 9:30 AM,
or Sunday 17 at 5:00 PM

APRIL— Saturday 6 at 9:30 AM,
or Sunday 14 at 5:00 PM

*Invitations via a signup genius are sent out to you monthly to reserve your day. Registration per family which includes food for all seven sessions is \$170.00. Please make check payable to "The Church of Saint Ann."

**First Reconciliation &
First Eucharist
Sacrament Preparation**

The specific preparation for a child's celebration of **Reconciliation** and **Eucharist** will rest primarily with the family. The sacraments will be discussed in the children's session but because of the multi-aged classrooms, specific preparation cannot be done. *The parish will provide support, encouragement, and resources (Our Sunday Visitor/OSV, Encounter with Christ child book and parent guide).* OSV provides you with many additional online resources for you to use as to help you prepare your child for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Dates to Remember

Reconciliation Parent Meeting:

Tuesday, Dec. 5th FDC Community Room 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

First Reconciliation/Penance Services:

January 3, 6, 10 & 13 — 6-7 pm weekdays and Saturday 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting:

Tuesday, January 23, Community Room 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

First Eucharist Retreat

Sunday, March 17, 2:00 pm to 4:30 p.m.

Practices:

Tuesday, April 30 practice for the 9:30 a.m. Mass, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1 practice for 12:00 p.m. Mass, 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

First Eucharist Celebration Masses: Saturday, May 4th at 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**Confirmation
7th & 8th Grade
Sacrament Preparation**

The preparation for Confirmation is a two-year period of preparation beginning in 7th grade. The program uses *Decision Point by Dynamic Catholic*. The curriculum with student text, leader's guide and DVD's are on the parish website, so the candidates can continue to explore the curriculum independently and with their families. 7th grade students will get a copy of the student workbook with registration. There is also an App for the videos. Optional: To order a complete set—student text, Leader's Guide, and DVDs', call Decision Point at 1-859-980-7900.

Dates to Remember

7th Grade Parent Mtg. -Tuesday, Oct 3rd — FDC Community Room 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

8th Grade Parent Mtg. -Tuesday, Oct 10th — FDC Community Room 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 pm

7th Grade Rite of Commitment:

Saturday, Oct 14th, during 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday, Oct 15th, during 10:30 a.m. Mass

8th Grade Retreat — October 14 at Notre Dame High School (tentative).

8th Grade Rite With Sponsor: Saturday, Feb 3rd, during 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday, Feb 4th, during 12:00 p.m. Mass

8th Grade Rite/Letter to the Presider : Saturday, April 13, during 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday, April 14, during 10:30 p.m. Mass

Practices: May 14 (for 4pm service) & May 15 (for 6pm service), 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Celebration: Friday, May 17 at 4pm and 6pm (Tentative)