

Faith Formation Model - 2024/2025

Immaculate Conception Parish

We are excited to introduce our new faith formation program at Immaculate Conception Parish, designed to engage families in a meaningful journey of spiritual growth and learning. Our program offers a dynamic blend of in-person and at-home learning experiences, ensuring that faith formation becomes an integral part of your family life.

Family Faith Formation Model for Grades 1-6:

Monthly Gatherings:

- One Sunday per month flowing from 9:30 a.m Mass, families will gather at the school from 10:30 am - Noon.
- Children and parents will explore the month's theme together for 15 minutes with light refreshments.
- The children will then proceed to grade-level classrooms for systematic catechesis while their parents undergo one hour of instruction on the unit.
 - Children complete the first chapter in the unit together in their classroom.
 - Parents will receive take-home activities, prayers, and monthly devotions to promote faith practices at home.
- The session will conclude with a sharing of what was learned, family activity plans, closing prayer, and announcements for 15 minutes.

At-Home Learning:

- Two additional chapters (the balance of that month's unit) will be completed at home, with parents actively participating with their children.
- Families will utilize the textbook and online platform (Alive in Christ) for flexible and collaborative learning experiences.

Enhancing Family Learning throughout the year:

- Families are invited to Mass, encouraged to participate in community service, celebrate liturgical cycles, engage in home-based faith practices, read the Bible, and attend social events.
- Parents are invited to become involved in the planning of social events for the Family of Parishes.

On-Site Classes for Grades 7-10:

Class Schedule:

- Students in Grades 7-8 will attend classes three times per month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school building, utilizing the Alive in Christ curriculum - for a total of 36 hours.
- Grade 9 will attend classes three times per month from 7 to 8:30 p.m in the school building - curriculum not yet determined
- Grade 10 students will use the Chosen curriculum for faith formation. Enrichment:
 - Opportunities for service, adoration/reconciliation, and community building will be available throughout the year
 - Retreats and diocesan events will be offered and encouraged.

Sacramental Preparation:

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist:

- Classes for each sacrament will be offered on Sundays from 10:30 - Noon. in the school building - dates TBD
- The retreat dates are TBD.

Confirmation Preparation:

- Six to eight "Direct Prep" classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school building.
- Opportunities for reconciliation and community service will be scheduled at various times throughout the year.
- A half-day Confirmation retreat will be held on 3/16/25.

We are committed to providing your family with a holistic and engaging faith-formation experience. We invite you to join us on this journey of spiritual growth and community building at Immaculate Conception Parish.

5/30/24