

WE ARE BLESSED TO BE PART OF YOUR FAMILY'S FAITH JOURNEY!

Returning Families

Your completed Family Detail and Fee Statement are included, please verify and complete the information and return the forms along with your payment to your parish to complete your re-enrollment.

New Families

Please complete the Registration Form and Fee Statement and return the forms along with your payment to your parish to complete your enrollment.

No one will be refused formation based on inability to pay.



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We welcome out new Administrative Assistant, Mariah Navis! Mariah is a recent graduate of UW-Whitewater, majoring in Business Management. She has four years of experience working in Campus Ministry and ten years in Vacation Bible School leadership.



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2019-2020 Christian Formation Programs



Children, Families, and Youth





FAITH BEGINS AT HOME

We recognize:

The family is the first community of faith and the most powerful influence on the faith of children and teenagers. Parents are the first educators of their children, providing the foundation for a spiritual and religious life.

The family needs to be a vital part of the process of lifelong faith formation at all stages of faith development. Also, parents need support in fostering faith and a deeper spirituality within their homes.

Family life has undergone tremendous changes in the past 40 years, like present day diversity in family forms and structures. Families are stretched and stressed in new and challenging ways, putting new demands on family life.

Our programs are designed around these needs



CHILD AND FAMILY FORMATION

Our formation class always begins with Mass as Fr. Mike is the first catechist of the morning. Following Mass, the children and adults separate for an hour of sharing and learning.



Children are divided by age and meet with catechists to deepen their understanding of Christ and the Catholic faith. The curriculum, which includes age

appropriate hands on activities and discussion, offers opportunities to meet the benchmarks set by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

During this same time, adults are given the opportunity to grow in their faith and vocation as parents. A variety of tools are used including guest speakers, video lecture series, and group discussions to name a few.

The program concludes with a family project for both parents and children to enjoy and complete together. Families are given a task to work on over the following week.



YOUTH FORMATION

Grades 7-11 meet one time monthly, October through March, to deepen their Catholic faith through group activities and discussion.

We always begin with 5:00 PM Mass, as Fr. Mike is the first Catechist of the evening. Youth have an opportunity to participate in Mass as greeters, ushers, servers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, and musicians.

Following Mass, we move to a shared meal coupled with a group presentation. Directly following, the youth separate into groups to share in the planned session for the evening.



As part of the Youth Formation Program, we offer volunteer opportunities to all grades to emphasize servitude and follow Jesus's example of serving others. Additional opportunities for retreats and special events will also be provided.



This year we are excited to introduce our new Youth Minister Janis Parker! Janis has been working in youth and parish ministry for over 30 years. She has been a Catechist since 2008.

Please ask us about our Vacation Bible School program and Youth leadership opportunities!