

ST. JOHN VIANNEY FAITH FORMATION 1ST-10TH GRADE

GENERAL INFORMATION

1st-5th Faith Formation: Sundays 10:30-11:45AM in the SJV school

- Sunday Faith Formation: On Sundays, Catechists will present various topics, programs, stories, and concepts to the children to engage their minds and hearts as members of the Body of Christ.
- "My Catholic Faith Delivered": The content-heavy portion of the catechesis of the 1st-5th graders will be done on an online platform (with parent help, as needed). This platform is true to the teachings of the Church, it is engaging and interactive, and it precisely tracks the progress of each learner. The students are to complete one chapter per week, with the assistance of the parents/guardians as needed.
- Additionally, each chapter has a "Family Guide" which has a short lesson plan for the parents/guardians to do with their children each week. The Family Guide lessons are clearly laid out and only take about 15 minutes to complete. We will talk about this more at the parent meeting, and there will soon be some video resources available on the parish website.
- On one Sunday per month there will be a Family Faith Formation Day where the parents will have a separate session during the time their children are having a lesson. This is to empower, encourage, and equip parents to grow in their understanding and love of Christ and his Church, and to become better witness of Christ to their children and families.
- 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion: Both will be integrated into the regular Sunday formation.

6th-8th Grade Faith Formation: Thursdays 7-8:30PM in the SJV school

- 6th-8th graders will meet for *Edge*, a middle-school faith program which makes the faith intelligible and personal through activities and engaging topics that help them see the relevance of the Catholic Faith in their lives.
- They will also be required to do the Faith and Life online books. See "My Catholic Faith Delivered," above. This includes the Family Guide activity that accompanies each chapter.
- Additional opportunities may become available as the year progresses.

9th-10th Grade Faith Formation: Tuesdays 7-8:30 in the SJV school

- We use the program *Purpose* for incoming 9th and 10th graders will be preparing for Confirmation.
- Service hours are not currently required, but families should find ways to serve their neighbors, families, communities, and church. St. John Vianney Church will find opportunities and present them for the confirmandi to participate in filling those needs, as well.
- Dates and times for the rehearsal, the sacrament itself, and any retreats are still TBD. Confirmation for the incoming 10th graders will be in the Spring.

Communication and Support

- For updates, reminders, and quick notifications about cancellations and other developments in the programs, we will be using the *Remind* app.
- Here at St. John Vianney, we are doing the best that families are being supported and encouraged in the Body of Christ and in the parish community. Always feel free to contact Brady Webb to discuss individual needs pertaining to faith formation and parish life.

Questions? Contact Brady Webb: 716-608-6562, or email at bwebb@sjvop.org

1ST-10TH FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR 2021-2022

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AT A GLANCE

- Sunday Faith Formation (1st-5th): 10:30-11:45 AM, just in time for the noon Mass!
- Family Faith Formation days, where parents will be enriched and empowered to be the primary catechists and evangelists in their homes (One per month, SJV School, same time as children are having separate lesson)
- 1st-8th Faith and Life online chapters completed weekly, including weekly family guide led by parents/guardians
- Tuesday Purpose Confirmation Preparation: 7-8:30 PM (In SJV School)
- Thursday Edge Nights (6th-8th): 7-8:30 PM (In SJV School)

Sept. 18th (Sat.) – Parent Meeting (1st-5th) 10AM-11AM (in gym)
6th-10th Parent Meeting follows from 11:20AM-12:20PM.

Sept. 19th (Sun.) – Catechetical Sunday (Blessing and commissioning of Catechists at 10 AM Mass, including parents. Highly encouraged, but not required.)

Sept. 26th (Sun.) – 1st Day of Faith Formation (1st-5th)

Sept. 28th (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 1 (9th)

Sept. 30th (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Oct. 3rd – (Sun.) Faith Formation (1st-5th)

Oct. 5th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 2 (10th)

Oct. 7th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Oct. 10th – (Sun.) Family Faith Formation (1st-5th & Parents)

Oct. 12th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 1 (9th)

Oct. 14th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Oct. 17th – (Sun.) Faith Formation (1st-5th)

Oct. 19th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 2 (10th)

Oct. 21st – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Oct. 24th – (Sun.) Faith Formation (1st-5th)

Oct. 26th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 1 (9th)

Oct. 28th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Oct. 31st – (Sun.) Faith Formation (1st-5th)

Nov. 2nd – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 2 (10th)

Nov. 4th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Nov. 7th – (Sun.) – Family Faith Formation (1st-5th & Parents)

Nov. 9th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 1 (9th)

Nov. 11th – (Thurs.) – NO Edge Night (Veterans Day!)

Nov. 14th – (Sun.) Faith Formation (1st-5th)

Nov. 16th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 2 (10th)

Nov. 18th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Nov. 21st-28th – Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 30th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 1 (9th)

Dec. 2nd – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Dec. 5th – (Sun.) Family Faith Formation (1st-5th & Parents)

Dec. 7th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 2 (10th)

Dec. 9th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Dec. 12th – (Sun.) Faith Formation (1st-5th)

Dec. 14th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 1 (9th)

Dec. 16th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Dec. 19th through 31st – Christmas Break

Jan. 2nd – (Sun.) Family Faith Formation (1st-5th & Parents)

Jan. 4th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 2 (10th)

Jan. 6th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Jan. 9th – (Sun.) Faith Formation (1st-5th)

Jan. 11th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 1 (9th)

Jan. 13th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Jan. 16th – (Sun.) Faith Formation (1st-5th)

Jan. 18th – (Tues.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 2 (10th)

Jan. 20th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Jan. 23rd – (Sun.) Faith Formation (1st-5th)

Jan. 25th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 1 (9th)

Jan. 27th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Jan. 30th – (Sun.) Faith Formation (1st-5th)

Feb. 1st – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 2 (10th)

Feb. 3rd – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Feb. 6th – (Sun.) – Family Faith Formation (1st-5th & Parents)

Feb. 8th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 1 (9th)

Feb. 10th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Feb. 12th – 1st Reconciliation Retreat (2nd Grade & Parents)
10AM-1PM in SJV School

Feb. 13th – (Sun.) Faith Formation (1st-5th)

Feb. 15th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 2 (10th)

Feb. 17th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

Feb. 20th through 27th – Winter Break

March 1st – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 1 (9th)

March 3rd – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th) (6th-8th)

March 6th – (Sun.) – Family Faith Formation (1st-5th & Parents)

March 8th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 2 (10th)

March 10th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

March 13th – (Sun.) – 1st Reconciliation (details TBD)
AND Faith Formation (1st-5th)

March 15th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 1 (9th)

March 17th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

March 20th – (Sun.) Faith Formation (1st-5th)

March 22nd – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 2 (10th)

March 24th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

March 26th – (Sat.) – 1st Communion Retreat (3rd and Parents)
10AM-1PM in SJV School

March 27th – (Sun.) Faith Formation (1st-5th)

March 29th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 1 (9th)

March 31st – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

April 3rd – (Sun.) – Family Faith Formation (1st-5th & Parents)

April 5th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 2 (10th)

April 7th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

April 10th through 17th – Easter Break

April 19th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 1 (9th)

April 21st – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

April 24th – (Sun.) Faith Formation (1st-5th) (Last Day)

April 26th – (Tue.) – *Purpose* Confirmation Prep. 2 (10th)

April 28th – (Thurs.) – *Edge* Night (6th-8th)

May 1st – (Sun.) – 1st Holy Communion (Details TBD)

TBD – Confirmation Rehearsal and Date. Confirmation retreats. (Confirmation will be in the Spring)

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RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

Faith Formation Rules:

- We will always be respectful to our catechists
- We will be quiet and respectful at each session
- We will raise our hand if we wish to speak
- We will only eat or drink when given permission (including gum!)
- We will do all our work and homework
- We will not use any electronic devices during class
- If we are disrespectful or disruptive our catechist may remove us from class or call our parents

General Attendance Expectations:

- Participants of the program are expected to attend all sessions
- All are expected to attend Mass for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (or their vigils)
- Both parents (but at least one) will attend the monthly Family Faith Formation Day

Further Expectations for Confirmation, 1st Reconciliation, and 1st Communion:

- Preparing for receiving the sacraments is of utmost importance
- Each participant will be allowed 3 excused absences and 2 unexcused absences
- Participants must be present at any additional events that are scheduled
- Further absences will result in a call to the parents from the Faith Formation Office

Faith Formation Dress Code:

- Skirts or shorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee
- No pajama pants
- No leggings, jeggings, or yoga pants without additional pants or skirt on top
- No underwear showing or see-through clothing
- No midriffs showing
- No spaghetti strap tops
- No hats during sessions
- If the dress code is violated, parents will be notified as to avoid any further problems

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FAITH FORMATION GUIDELINES

Here at St. John Vianney Church, we ask that participants show respect to all the catechists and volunteers. This includes listening attentively during the sessions, actively participating in sessions, and doing assigned work. Participants are expected to refrain from using electronic devices and eating and drinking in class that is not permitted by the catechist or for medical reasons. These measures ensure that we maintain a distraction-free environment for all. If any participant is especially disruptive, disciplinary steps will be taken and parents will be contacted.

Attendance:

As a part of this program, we ask that all participants attend most – if not all – sessions. For 1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion, and Confirmation preparation, it is especially important to aim for consistent attendance, as participants will be moving toward major events in their faith. For those who are being prepared for the sacraments, participants will be permitted 3 excused absences and 2 unexcused absences. If a participant is absent more frequently than this, parents will be contacted about catching up and how to move forward. In addition to attendance, all participants must keep up with the online assignments. Parents are expected to oversee and assist their children in completing the assignments in a timely manner. All participants are expected to fulfil their Sunday Obligation and attend every Sunday Mass and Holy Day of Obligation. Faith Formation is at a time that is advantageous to go straight to the Noon Mass with their families afterwards.

Dignity in Dress:

We ask that participants dress appropriately for religious education. They should avoid showing too much skin or wearing tight fitting clothing that would pose as a distraction to others (this is applicable to all participants, male and female). Please be especially mindful in the way you dress if you are attending Mass immediately after Faith Formation. Mass is the most important part of the week. It is in accord with both our own dignity as children of God and the respect due to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for us to dress ourselves on Sunday with more nobility than we would on normal occasions.

