

FAITH FORMATION NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025

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PARISH WIDE UPDATES:

Mass Schedules:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Monday, December 8th 8:30 a.m./6:30 p.m.

Holy Day of Obligation - "the faithful are obliged to participate at Mass and abstain from unnecessary work or other activities which hinder the suitable relaxation of mind and body." - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



On Immaculate Conception, we celebrate and remember Our Lady, who was immaculately and miraculously conceived without original sin so that she could bear Jesus in her womb. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast of the United States, so say a prayer for your country today!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday December 24: 4pm, 11pm

Thursday, December 25: 11:30 am



FAITH FORMATION GRADES 1-6

UPCOMING EVENTS:

THURSDAY, Dec. 4, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.

Join us for Advent Eucharistic Adoration and decorating Christmas cookies!

We invite our Grades 1-6 Faith Formation students and their families to an evening of Eucharistic Adoration and festive Christmas cookie decorating. **This event is a required part of our faith formation programming for this year that we are asking our families to participate in.** If you cannot make it, please let us know.

We will adore Jesus in the Eucharist for a short period of time, and then will gather in the church hall to decorate cookies and have some festive, cheerful time together.

If this is your first time going to adoration, see the attached PDF for some tips about what to do or how to pray. No prayer is too big or too small to bring to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

Please RSVP here by December 1 so we know how many cookies to make:

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Adoration and Christmas Cookies

December 4 at 6:30 p.m.
Adoration beginning at 6:30 with cookie decorating to follow

NATIVITY PLAY - DECEMBER 14TH 2025

Thank you to all who have signed up to participate in this year's nativity play! We are very excited about the turnout this year and can't wait to see all of your shining faces as we retell the story of the Birth of Our Savior.

We still have a few spots open if your child (grade 1-6) is interested in participating in this. We will have a few rehearsals on Sundays between Masses, and our performance will be on December 14th. We all (especially Margaret and Mary) thank you greatly!



UPCOMING PARISH EVENT

Christmas Concert and Pasta Dinner to support the mission trip to New Mexico!

***Our Lady of the Assumption
Annual Christmas Concert
and Tree Lighting***

Sunday December 7, 2025

4:00pm

Our Adult and Children Choirs
will sing a festive Christmas
Concert for all to enjoy.
Following the concert our annual
Christmas Tree Lighting will take
place on the front lawn of the
Church.

Pasta Dinner to follow in the Hall.



**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th
at 5:45 p.m.**



Pasta Dinner Fundraiser



**After Christmas
Concert and Tree
Lighting - come to
dinner!**

**\$25 adults, \$10 ages 5-12, free under 5
Christmas Caroling, Fellowship, FUN.**

Dinner will include pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert
(Christmas cookies & more),
wine, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa.

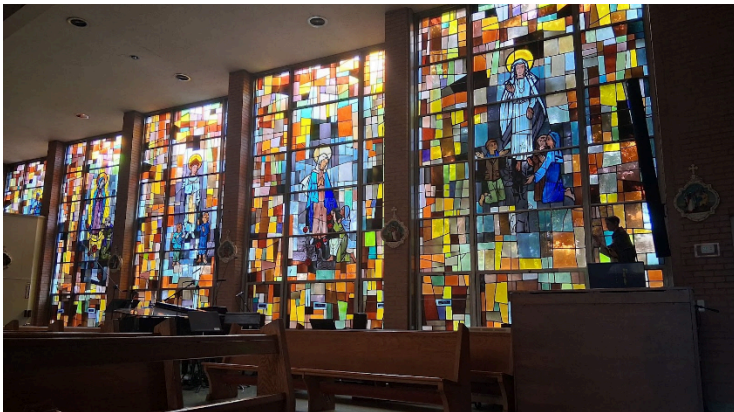
**Money raised will help fund the Mission Trip
to New Mexico in July 2026**

GRADES 7-10

REMINDERS AND UPDATES:

If your child will be absent from class, please email Margo Smith oloafaithformation9and10@gmail.com

- Confirmation for 10th graders is scheduled for **Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral in Hartford
- All 10th graders are to attend the 9:30am Parish Mass on Sunday, April 26, 2026 to receive their Confirmation certificates and crucifixes
- Service opportunities are regularly posted outside of the Faith Formation office, and they are open to all 7th-10th graders.
- Please remember to submit your completed and signed Service Report Forms to Margo after you've completed service hours so she can give you credit! Copies of this form are available outside of the Faith Formation office.



CHOIR NOTES

Children's choir has started and all children are welcome Grades 1-6!

Rehearsals are Tuesdays 4:45-5:30 pm.

Adult choir is in session and has started Christmas preparations! All new members are welcome!

Please contact Keith Smolinski
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