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St. Rita's Summer Faith Formation



Summer is almost here!

It's time to make plans to join us at St. Rita's for some faith-filled fun in the sun!

Several options are available for children from age 4 through 5th grade.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Look inside for the details.



Faith Formation  
Registration

St. Rita's is made up of some wonderful people who generously give of their time and talent so that our children may grow in their faith. These volunteers, who already have very busy lives, are those who find the time to give to the young people of our parish.

Volunteers are the core of the faith formation programs at St. Rita's. Please prayerfully consider how you might share your faith with the children this year. A \$50.00 credit is give for Faith Formation Catechist and a \$25.00 per child credit is given for those who volunteer for Vacation Bible School.

There are many opportunities to volunteer. Training is always available, resources are plentiful and the staff is here to help. Besides, it's a lot of fun and you get to be part of a great community of volunteers. Fill out the volunteer section on the registration form, or contact Kathy for more information.

Kathy Kovarik: 651.459.4596, ext 124  
Email: [Kkovarik@saintritas.org](mailto:Kkovarik@saintritas.org)

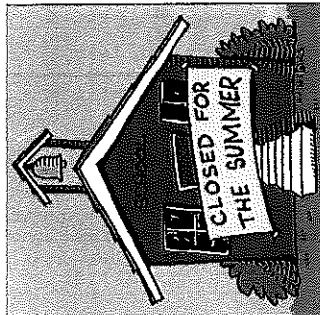


CORE is a team of young people and adults who help to choose and implement events, activities, and faith experiences for the young people of our community. We meet on the first Monday of each month and work to make Faith Formation Large Group Sessions lively and Spirit filled as well as plan monthly activities for the youth of our parish. Some of our team is graduating, and we are looking for new faces and energy, please pray for our current team, and if the Spirit is calling you to help out, please call Amy to talk about opportunities!



**For information on these programs and other youth events at the  
Church of Saint Rita in Cottage Grove,  
Please contact Amy Schroeder at 651-459-4596 ext 121  
Or by e-mail at [aschroeder@saintritas.org](mailto:aschroeder@saintritas.org)**

# St. Rita's Summer Faith Formation Programs for Elementary School-age Children 2018

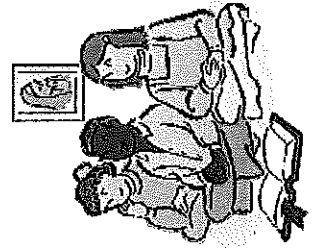


## It's Summer!!!!

This time of year brings preparation for the Summer Faith Formation Program and Vacation Bible School. As you have heard me say before, you, the parents, are the first and primary educators of your children. The parish reinforces what you have begun. We try to offer a variety of programs to accommodate the needs of busy families.

## What is Best for Your Family?

Does the school-year faith formation program fit in your family's schedule? If not, please try out our summer faith formation program. Our summer session is convenient, and for 2nd graders, attending summer faith formation fills the requirement for First Eucharist. Allow your child to experience religious instructions with other Catholic children. You will enjoy the experience too!!! We use the same material that is taught during the school year.

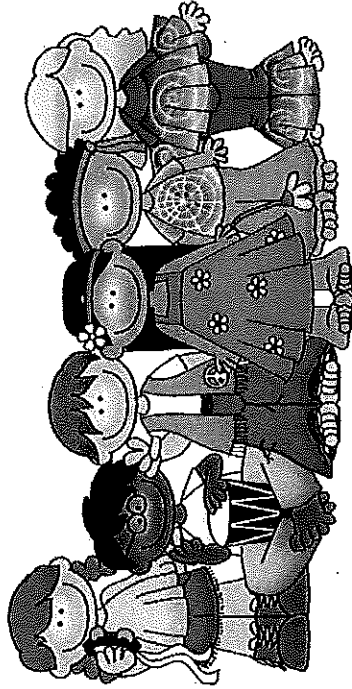


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## SUMMER PROGRAM OPTIONS

**CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION:** For kids going into grades 1-5, this program is unique in its variety of choices. The summer program focuses on the basics of our faith.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS):** A fun, Bible-based experience for children age 4 through third grade. This year's theme is "Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus." Come and spend some time at St. Rita's this summer!!!



Parents,

We know that participating in any program can be a financial burden.

If you would like your child to participate in any of the following opportunities and are unable to pay for part or all of the fees, please contact Kathy Kovarik for elementary age programs.

Your confidentiality will be respected. Never let the cost prevent your child from being part of faith formation programs.

Kathy Kovarik

# St. Rita's Summer Faith Formation Programs for Elementary Age Children

## Faith Formation Program

- For children entering grades 1-5 in fall 2018.

The focus of the program is learning what it means to be a Catholic Christian or *what makes us special and unique*.

Each grade has a learning goal: First graders are introduced to the sacraments, Second graders study the Mass, Third graders study the Creed, Fourth graders learn the 10 Commandments, and fifth graders study the 7 Sacraments. Children study from the Catholic series "We Believe" published by Sadlier Press.

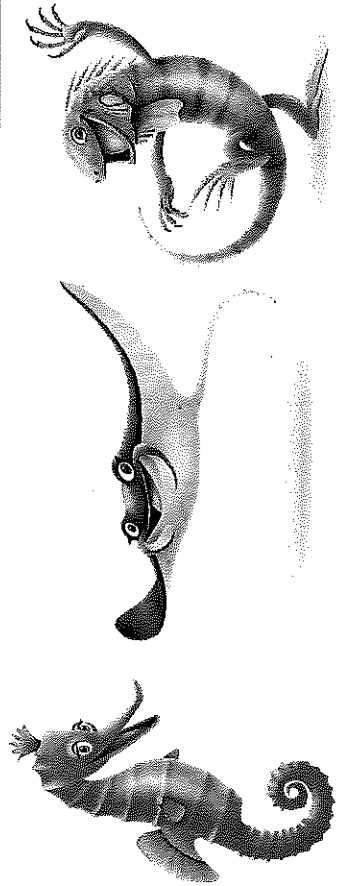
**June 11-15, Monday-Friday**

**Mon-Thu: 9 am-3 pm; Fri: 9 a.m.-noon**

**Cost is \$90 per child (includes lunch)  
\$50 tuition credit is given  
for those who teach a class!**

Besides learning from the text books, children participate in prayer activities, service projects, and have fun meeting other Catholic children.

Second graders who participate in summer Faith Formation fulfill the requirement of attendance in a faith formation class in preparation for First Eucharist.



## Vacation Bible School:

### **Shipwrecked Rescued by Jesus**

- For children age 4  
through 3rd grade in fall  
2018

Children will be grounded in the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that guides us through life's dark times.

On this courageous, captivating quest, kids sing, have fun, and experience Jesus, the light of the world.

**July 23-27, Monday-Friday  
9 am-11:30 am  
Cost is \$85 per child.**

**Volunteers receive a \$25 per child credit toward VBS registration!**



**Questions? Contact Kathy Kovarik at:  
651-459-4596 ext. 124; or [kkovarik@saintritas.org](mailto:kkovarik@saintritas.org).**

Forms and class schedules are available on our website:  
**[www.saintritas.org](http://www.saintritas.org)**

# CHURCH OF ST. RITA ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION SUMMER 2018

**TODAY'S DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ *ALL forms must be completed and signed to process your child's registration.*

## 1. Family Information

Registered member of St. Rita's? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

### Parent/guardian 1:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle: cell home work

Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle: cell home work

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/guardian 2:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle: cell home work

Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle: cell home work

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the primary contact person? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Student information (first and last name)	M Or F	Date of birth	Age	Grade in fall 2017	Enter name of desired program
1					
2					
3					
4					

### 3. Choose from these programs:

*(Grade in fall 2018)*

#### **SUMMER FAITH FORMATION:**

**Grades 1-5**

**Mon-Fri June 11-15**

**Mon-Thu: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fri: 9 a.m.-noon**

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

**Age 4 through Grade 3**

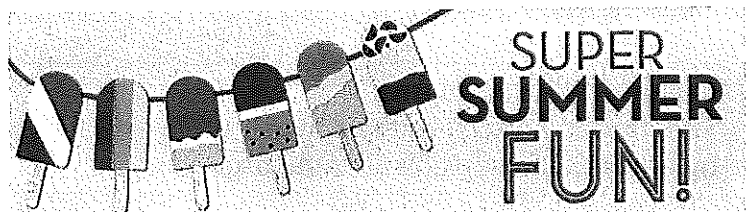
**Mon-Fri July 23-27, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

**4. Does your child have special needs?** Please tell us about any hearing, speech, reading, disability or ADHD issues, allergies, or other health information. This will be kept confidential.

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*Please fill out the reverse side of this form to complete the registration process.*



**CHURCH OF ST. RITA-SUMMER 2018 ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**

**PAGE 2** Please fill out completely and return to the parish office with payment.

**5. Fees**

Registered member of St. Rita's? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(Non-parishioners are an additional \$10 per student, per class.)

	<u># Enrolled</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
<u>Faith Formation</u> Grades 1-5 (in fall 2018); \$90	_____	_____
<u>Vacation Bible School</u> Age 4-Grade 3 (in fall 2018); \$85	_____	_____
Subtotal	_____	_____
<b>Volunteer Credits</b> [\$50 for Faith Formation Catechist] [\$25 per child for VBS volunteers]	- [ _____ ]	- [ _____ ]
Total Credits	- [ _____ ]	_____
<b>Total Due</b> .....	\$ _____	_____

Please make checks payable to: The Church of St. Rita

**6. Volunteer opportunities**

Help out with faith formation this summer and receive a credit on your child's fees!

**Check all that you are interested in:**

**FAITH FORMATION CLASS**

**Grade preference:** \_\_\_\_\_

Teach a class \_\_\_\_\_

Babysit for those who teach \_\_\_\_\_

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Group leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Snack leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Craft leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Music leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Help decorate: \_\_\_\_\_

Help take down decorations: \_\_\_\_\_

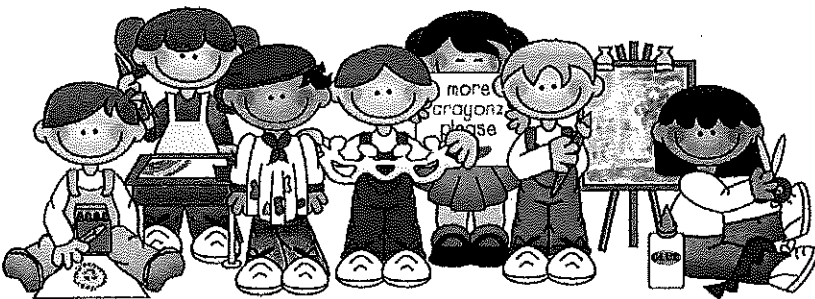
**Volunteer name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registered members of St. Rita's:** Please don't keep your child from faith formation if cost is a concern. Contact Kathy Kovarik to make arrangements. Your information will remain confidential and your privacy will be respected.

**If someone is not allowed to pick up your children from faith formation classes, please notify the parish office at 459-4596.**



**Questions or concerns?**

Feel free to contact Kathy Kovarik at 651-459-4596, or by email at [kkovarik@saintritas.org](mailto:kkovarik@saintritas.org).

*Archdiocesan Policy requires all volunteers to have a background check, sign a Code of Conduct form, and attend a VIRTUS training session.*

**Office Use Only**

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Due \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH OF ST. RITA**  
**SUMMER 2018 ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**

**PERMISSIONS AND SIGNATURES**

PLEASE REVIEW AND SIGN ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR REGISTRATION  
(BOTH SIDES OF THE PAGE). YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE REGISTERED FOR FAITH FORMATION  
WITHOUT THIS FORM.

**Emergency contact and health information:**

**Medical/Allergies:** Use the following space to inform us of activities that your child should not participate in, alert us to any allergies/conditions your child may have, and medications they are using. **Note:** Staff/volunteers cannot administer medications.

Name	Grade	Special Needs (A.D.D./Allergies/Meds/Etc.)
Student 1: _____		
Student 2: _____		

**Emergency Contact (other than parent):**

Name	Phone 1	Phone 2
Doctor's Name: _____ Phone: _____		

I agree to allow the Church of St. Rita staff, volunteer teachers and aides to obtain emergency medical care if necessary. I understand the following steps may be taken in an emergency situation:

- An attempt will be made to contact the parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Above emergency contact will be called, if a parent/guardian cannot be reached.
- A 911 call for an ambulance will be made in an extreme emergency.

I understand there is NO medical insurance provided by the above parish or the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis. All expenses incurred due to emergency care will be the responsibility of each individual family.

I hereby authorize that emergency treatment may be administered to my child. Yes \_\_\_\_\_

**Image release permission:**

During the Summer 2018 Summer Faith Formation programs your student's image may be used in a variety of communications produced by the Church of St. Rita. Examples include, but are not limited to, presentations shown at the parish center or during Faith Formation, on bulletin boards, in the weekly parish bulletin or electronically on the parish website ([www.saintritas.org](http://www.saintritas.org)), local newspapers, promotional brochures, or the Catholic Spirit newspaper. Names of the children will not be published.

I authorize the use of my child's image in publications for The Church of St. Rita's Faith Formation/Youth programs for the Summer 2018 season. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Parental Authorization**

I/we give permission for my child(ren) to take part in Faith Formation and all the associated activities. In consideration of the opportunity for my child(ren) to participate and fully recognizing that such an undertaking involves an element of risk, we assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation and do hereby release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Church of St. Rita, nor any of said persons shall be held financially responsible for any injury, illness, or death incurred as a direct or indirect result of this activity, except for gross negligent acts.

Parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# The Church of Saint Rita, Cottage Grove, Minn.

## Faith Formation Conduct and Discipline Policy

Thank you for entrusting your child(ren) to us to help them grow in their faith and understanding of what it means to be a Catholic Christian. Please read the following guidelines that are meant to keep your child(ren) safe and to ensure the best possible learning environment for them. Please contact the faith formation director with any questions or concerns.

### Preschool thru Grade 5

- Children in preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade must be brought to their classroom and picked up at their classroom at the end of class, unless other arrangements are made with the Faith Formation Director.
- If there is someone who is not allowed to pick up your child, please contact St. Rita's at 651-459-4596 with that information.
- Elementary children will not be permitted to wait outside for their pickup.
- Homework is often given. Please support your child's learning by encouraging them and going over their work.

### General Policies

- When dropping off/picking up, pull into a parking space; do not wait in the fire lane.
- If your child is ill, please contact the parish and keep them home.
- Classes will be cancelled due to weather or other emergencies when the South Washington County School District 833 cancels school or after-school activities. Faith Formation teachers will try to contact parents.
- Children and youth are expected to behave in a respectful manner to adults and other children. If unacceptable behavior becomes persistent and troublesome parents will be contacted to pick up their children. If a student is sent home a second time, a parent will be asked to attend with their child for the rest of the faith formation year.
- Special needs children need to have a parent or other adult with them. Most volunteers are not trained in handling special needs children. Parent input and support are needed to give the child the best possible faith formation experience.

**There is a zero-tolerance policy for bullying/cyber bullying, as well as drugs, alcohol, tobacco or weapons brought to the parish. Parents will be notified immediately and the student/s will no longer be allowed to attend on site classes for the remainder of the year. Home schooling materials will be available so student/s can continue learning.**

**Our family has read and agrees to follow St. Rita's Summer 2018 Faith Formation policy.**

Parent (guardian) Signature

Print First and Last Name

Date

Please List Children:

Name

Age

Name

Age

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