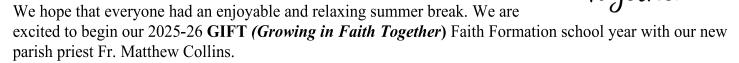
# Saint Louis de Montfort Parish

Established June 29, 2017 by Archbishop Leonard Blair

## 2025-2026 Faith Formation

September 2025



GIFT is a **family based Program** for grades K-10<sup>th</sup> where the whole family comes together to learn, experience, and strengthen their Catholic faith. All sacramental classes and Family GIFT sessions will take place in our Faith Formation Center at St Thomas of Villanova Church in Goshen. Family GIFT Sessions meet once a month starting with the 9:00am Family Mass followed by our theme based learning in the formation center.

SACRAMENTAL CLASSES: ALL Sacramental classes are a two year preparation program.

<u>FIRST COMMUNION CLASS</u>: The first year will begin in 2nd grade with <u>First Reconciliation</u> preparation. The second year will focus on the Sacrament of <u>First Holy Eucharist</u>.

confirmation class will begin in 8th grade. All students (regardless of grade) will start in the 1st year class and then move onto the 2nd Year Confirmation Class. Student in grades 10th-12th will have a different opportunity for confirmation preparation, however you must contact Cate to make arrangements. Students will have opportunities to complete service hours with parish and non parish events and participate in a Parish Mission/Retreat.

The Mass is the center of our Faith, where families come together as a Parish family. It's where we partake in Jesus' physical presence in the Eucharist. It's in the "Breaking of the Bread" that Jesus expresses His great love for us and we show how much we are thankful and appreciative of that love. That is why the most precious gift you can give your children, after the gift of life, is joining in the celebration of the Mass and the loving presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Our goal is to form our children beyond the monthly GIFT Sessions to a greater understanding that can only be achieved through family life that includes prayer, weekly Mass attendance, frequent reception of the sacraments, and service. With your prayer, assistance, and example, we can give our children and families a powerful experience of what it means to be a Catholic Community and be the living signs of Jesus' presence in our world.

We pray for strength, courage, patience, along with an open mind and heart, as we continue our Life Long Journey in Faith.

We look forward to seeing you and your family!

Rev. Matthew Collins
Parish Priest / Administrator

Cate Corwin

GIFT Faith

Formation Leader

Growing in Faith



### 2025-2026 **SCHEDULE**

2025-26 Family GII	FT Session Dates:
Session #1:	October 5, 2025
Session #2:	November 2, 2025
Session #3:	December 7, 2025
Session #4:	January 4, 2026
Session #5:	February 1, 2026
Session #6:	March 1, 2026
Session #7:	March 29, 2026
Session #8:	May 3, 2026
Sessions begin with the 9:00 <sub>am</sub> Mass at St Thomas Church and are scheduled to end at 11:30am.	
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#### **First Communion Classes:**

The first year of preparation starts with <u>First</u>

<u>Reconciliation</u> which begins in 2nd grade (and any grade there after who would like to receive the sacraments) and will be lead by Kate Bennett.

The second year communion class will focus on the Sacrament of <u>First Holy Eucharist</u> preparation with Lisa DeAngelis.

#### **Confirmation Classes:**

Confirmation students will have opportunities to complete service hours, and participate in a Parish Mission/Retreat.

**1st Year Confirmation Class** will begin in 8th grade. All students will start in the 1st year class (those in grades 10th and up please talk to Cate) with Debbie Bernard.

**2nd Year Confirmation Class** Students (who completed the 1st Year preparation class last year) will be lead by Susan Murray and Terrence Ryan.

2025-26	Sacrament	al Class	Dates:
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Class #1:	October 5, 2025
Class #2:	October 19, 2025
Class #3:	November 2, 2025
Class #4:	November 16, 2025
Class #5:	December 7, 2025
Class #6:	December 21, 2025
Class #7:	January 4, 2026
Class #8:	January 18, 2026
Class #9:	February 1, 2026
Class #10:	February 8, 2026
Class #11:	March 1, 2026
Class #12:	March 15, 2026
Class #13:	March 29, 2026
Class #14:	April 27, 2026
Class #15:	May 3, 2026
<b>Confirmation Mission</b>	n/RetreatTBA
All Classes begin with	the 9:00 <sub>am</sub> Mass and

#### **Sacrament Dates:**

Confirmation:	Spring of 2026
1st Reconciliation:	TBA
1st Holy Eucharist:	TBA

are scheduled to end at 11:30am.

GIFT SESSIONS: \*Cancellations will be announced on WFSB Channel 3. If events are rescheduled we will notify by email or via our website www.stlouisdemontfortparish.org

SACRAMENTAL CLASSES: Teachers will contact families if they have to cancel or reschedule a class for any reason.

**Prayer for our GIFT Journey** O God, we long to know you and to love you, but the busyness of life often gets in the way. Help us to recognize the ordinary, daily ways that our family can learn about you and grow closer to you. We know that you are with us, leading us and guiding us on our way. Amen.