

# Saint Louis de Montfort Parish

*Established June 29, 2017 by Archbishop Leonard Blair*

## 2025-2026 Faith Formation



September 2025

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. We are excited to begin our 2025-26 **GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)** Faith Formation school year with our new parish priest Fr. Matthew Collins.

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.**

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

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** This year the **1st Year 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*

*(over)*



## 2025-2026 SCHEDULE

### 2025-26 Family GIFT 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 9:00am Mass at St Thomas Church and are scheduled to end at 11:30am.

### First Communion Classes:

The first year of preparation starts with First Reconciliation 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 First Holy Eucharist 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 Sacramental Class Dates:

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

Confirmation Mission/Retreat..... TBA

All Classes begin with the 9:00am Mass and are scheduled to end at 11:30am.

### Sacrament Dates:

Confirmation: .....Spring of 2026

1st Reconciliation: ..... TBA

1st Holy Eucharist: ..... TBA

*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](http://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.