

Registration and Tuition

Good News! All registration is being done through our website at www.stjamesmason.org. You will also fill in medical information and permissions regarding photos and medication. Payment is typically done online, in full or in partial amounts. You may drop tuition checks in the collection basket too, clearly marked "elementary formation".

Rates are as follows:

One student	\$75
Two students	\$135
Three or more	\$165

We have never turned anyone away from Faith Formation or ROCK who has had a desire to learn about and grow in our Catholic faith. If you need confidential assistance in paying for faith formation for your children, please call or write a letter to the director of faith formation explaining your needs. We do offer a Scrip program that can help you earn money towards your tuition. Please contact Alison Burch to find out more about this program.



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Children's Faith Formation



All Children/Youth Options

Faith Formation classes will be offered at both locations this fall.

Grades PreK-5, 9:05 to 10:20 am Sundays at St. James.

Grades 1-5, 4:15 to 5:30 pm Wednesdays at St. James.

Grades PreK-8, 9:45 to 11 am Sundays at Bunker Hill

Grades 6-8, 4 to 6 pm or 6 to 8 pm Tuesdays at St. James.

Grades 9-12, 5 to 7 pm Sundays at St. James.

Grades 9-12, 9:30-11:30 am Sundays at Bunker Hill.

Children's Liturgy—during the 10:30 am Mass at St. James. There is no need to register for this!

Sign up starting July
1st at: www.stjamesmason.org

These session times are being offered after much consideration, parishioner survey input and prayer. Research and experience has shown that in order to serve today's modern families, we need to work toward focusing on whole family faith development. Various parent/adult presentations and faith development sessions will be held concurrently with our children's sessions. Look for more information about these adult formation opportunities in the weekly bulletin and on our website. We use the program called *Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts*, by Loyola Press with our children. This comprehensive program provides sound doctrine, scripture, tradition, and prayer through experiential activities that make these essential lessons part of a lifelong practice of faith. The formation experience for our elementary children is enriched by special Masses, seasonal group activities, opportunities to experience the sacrament of Reconciliation and participate in altar server training several times a year.

Other Information

Calendar: Our formation programs begin in late September and conclude in early May. Programs for children and youth run concurrent with the Mason school calendar and the liturgical calendar.

Sacrament Preparation: All students wishing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist must receive Religious Education and Formation the year prior to and the year of the sacrament. The preparation for each sacrament is done in both the classroom and through a **family centered process, which includes a series of 2-3 workshops held at the parish on Sunday evenings. In accordance with diocesan guidelines, all second graders in the sacrament preparation program will prepare for 1st Reconciliation and then 1st Eucharist.**

Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children:

The RCIA for Children program is designed for families with older children (over 7) who have never been baptized and/or had any formal religious education formation. Please contact the faith formation director for more information.

If your child has **special needs**, contact the faith formation director to work with you individually to design a program to fit your child's needs and abilities. A variety of resources are available and can be adapted to fit your individual situation.

Your child's safety is very important to us. All of our staff and regular volunteers have attended a **Virtus: Protecting God's Children** presentation. A criminal background check has been performed. Our parking lots are very busy and our building space is spread out, so we ask that you **bring your child(ren)** into our building to sign in and sign out when released. If you have an older (middle school and up) child or another person that you wish to grant permission to escort your younger child in and out, please speak with the faith formation director about it first. We want to ensure that your child is always secure and out of harm's way when they are here at St. James!

We Need You!

Sharing the Gift of Faith – Won't You Join Us?

Many Caring Volunteers are needed for our Children & Youth Programs.

The value of time and talent volunteers contribute to our Faith Formation Program is immeasurable. Whether you are available only occasionally for an hour, or weekly for a few weeks, please consider joining this wonderful group of ministers. Please remember that the most important requirements include love for children, a love of and commitment to your faith, and a desire to help others grow in theirs. Orientation is offered for all new volunteers, as well as on-going training that is paid for by our parish.

We do our best to accommodate those catechists with young children by providing child care for your child who is over age 1 and under 5 during formation sessions. Please let us know as soon as you are planning to volunteer so that recruitment of nursery volunteers may begin.

Lead catechists are only charged one half of the regular tuition rate too!



*A.S.A.P.
Always Say A Prayer*