

St. James Faith Formation

Opportunities for Involvement

The success of our programs depends on our volunteers!
Thank you for considering these very important ministries.

Name	
Email	
Phone	

Ministry	Family Member
Catechist (Elementary/ROCK)	
Catechist Assistant	
Co-Catechist	
Substitute Catechist	
Presenter—Children’s Liturgy of the Word	
Altar Server	
Eucharistic Minister/Lector	

Do you have any other talents you could share with our children?

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.

A brief description of the responsibilities and time commitment required for each of the volunteer roles can be found on the back of this form. All volunteers working in programs serving children 18 or younger are required to complete an application/background check and attend a Protecting God's Children training session. **Lead catechists are only charged one half** of the regular tuition rate too!

Students in grades 7 and older are invited to share their talents with us, also, by assisting adult mentors and/or catechists, and should indicate the name of the adult they wish to assist. You can earn community service hours this way too!

Other talents I would like to share(occasional nursery care, hospitality help, VBS volunteer, etc.)

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

What's A Volunteer to Do?

The information below is a very brief summary of responsibilities for most of the various volunteer roles. Please contact-Maureen Stockwell (676-9111, ext. 13, or stjamesmaureen@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you for considering a faith formation ministry – we'd love to have you on our team!

Children's Liturgy of the Word Minister: Prepare and present homily activity for Sunday morning sessions; arrange for materials needed. Ministers dedicate about 2 hours for each session presented. **We really need more presenters, so that the time** commitment is only an hour about every 6 to 8 weeks!

Pre-K/Kindergarten Catechist: Sessions are held for children during either Sunday morning Mass. Plan about an hour of instruction, crafts or additional activities pertaining to the weekly gospel. Volunteers dedicate about 2 hours for each session presented.

Lead Elementary Catechist: Plan, prepare, and present weekly sessions for groups of 8-12 children; supervise children assigned to your group, record attendance, communicate with parents regarding content of lessons and student progress; attend catechist meetings/formation workshops. Catechists dedicate 3-4 hours weekly.

Elementary Catechist Assistant: Help lead catechists supervise children and present weekly sessions as delegated by the Lead Catechist. Catechist Assistants dedicate about 2 hours weekly serving in this ministry.

Substitute Catechist: Be available for an occasional session, sometimes last minute due to illness. Lesson plans can be provided. Time commitment is minimal.

Middle/High School Youth Catechist: May help by supervising and assisting youth in planning, presenting and participating in ROCK meetings, Fall and/or Spring Retreats, Diocesan and/or National Youth Events, mission trips, social events and/or service projects. Volunteers are also needed as drivers and chaperones or for help with providing refreshments. Time required will vary depending on the type of involvement chosen.