



HOLY SPIRIT  
PARISH  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION  
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Dear Families,

Welcome to our Faith Formation program for Preschool through High School. The purpose is to follow Christ's call "to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world and to hand his message on to successive generations by professing, living, and celebrating the faith." (*National Directory of Catechesis #15*)

Parents are the primary educators and evangelizers of their children. Our pastor along with those working in catechetical ministry seek to assist you in your God-given duty to raise your children to a full life in Jesus Christ. This packet has been designed to provide general information, dates, and requirements for participation in the parish program.

Please fill out the registration form, as well as the Archdiocese of Mobile Parental/Guardian Covid-19 Consent Form and the Medical Form. Complete all 3 forms and email, mail, or drop off in box on registration table or at the Holy Spirit Parish office. This will need to be done for each child. Please call the if you have any questions.

**Please register as soon as possible!**

May the Lord bless our efforts,

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## Faith Formation Program 2021-2022 Policies

### *Mission Statement*

*The mission of the Faith Formation program at Holy Spirit Parish is to help all participants and their families develop a relationship with Jesus Christ and to live out their Catholic faith in ways that draw others to Christ and the Church.*

### Attendance Policy

Parents are strongly encouraged to make every effort to have their child attend the Faith Formation sessions offered at the parish. If your child needs to be absent, please let your child's catechist know. If a child misses several Faith Formation classes, we may be in contact to find out what the circumstances are and how we can help.

### Arrival and Dismissal

Class times are from 9:15am-10:45am on Sundays. Please drop your child off, outside, *before* class begins. The doors will open at 9:00am and pick up is promptly at 10:45am. We will check temperatures as children arrive. **Children only need to bring their supply bag to class.** Supply list is in this packet. **The catechists will bring out the children beginning at 10:30am. To respect the catechists and those attending 11am Mass, it is important to pick up on time at 10:45am! Please do not be late.**

### Pick Up Authorization

Only those listed on the "people authorized to pick-up my child" section of the registration form will be allowed to pick up your child. If you need to add someone to the list during the year, please submit their information to the PCL. **Pick up is outside the school by the flagpole.**

### Student Behavior and Expectations

Students will be expected to show respect to their teachers and classmates. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Classroom rules are discussed in each classroom. At the first disruption, the child will be directed to review the classroom rules. After the second incident, the child will be sent to talk with the DRE. If inappropriate behavior continues, the parent/guardian will be contacted.

### Class Cancellation

In the event that class is cancelled, an email and text from the Faith Formation Remind text app will be sent out as soon as possible alerting families of the cancellation. We will also post on our Holy Spirit Facebook page as well as post physical notes on the door, when able.

### Wellness Policy

- Students are not allowed to attend Faith Formation Classes when sick with any of the following symptoms:
  - fever within the last 24 hours (fever is considered a temperature of 99.9 or higher)
  - vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
  - excessive coughing, sneezing, runny nose, or watery eyes
  - any type of contagious or communicable disease such as coronavirus (covid-19), flu, chicken pox, coxsackie virus, pink eye, or lice

- Catechists and other personnel are not allowed to dispense or administer medication to students.

### **Covid Policy**

- Per the archbishop's guidelines all students, volunteers, and staff are required to wear masks.
- Upon arrival students, volunteers and staff will have their temperature taken. Anyone with a temperature of 99.9 or higher will require that person to be sent home.
- Students will bring their supply bag with the required classroom supplies with them to class. (Please see Supply List 2021-2022 for more details)
- We will still social distance where we can in the classroom and hallways. (drop off and pick up will be outside to maintain social distancing)
- If your child or someone in your household has contracted or been in contact with someone who is tested positive for coronavirus, please email the PCL as soon as possible.

### **Family Commitment**

- I promise to support my child's faith formation by having our family follow the five precepts of the Church, as described in the Catechism of the Catholic Church 2041-2043.
  - Attending and participating in Sunday Mass every week as well as on holy days of obligation.
  - Confessing your sins at least once a year.
  - Receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season.
  - Observing the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
  - Contributing weekly to the financial needs of the parish through recordable donations (Envelopes, Check, or Online Giving).
- As a part of the Faith Formation program, parents are committing to engage in their child's faith formation in the following way:
  - Practice my faith and be an example to my family.
  - Encourage attendance to Sunday Faith Formation Classes.
  - Daily prayer such as: morning offering, night prayer, and grace before meals.
  - Read and studying Scripture with my family (example: read Sunday readings before Mass).
  - Attend the monthly Family Catechesis parent meetings.
  - Attend the Sacramental Parent Meetings appropriate for your children.
  - Attend the Family Celebrations.
  - Attend Family Adoration on the First Friday night of the month.
  - Participate in the other sponsored events put on by the Office of Faith Formation.

### *CCC 2252*

*Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children in the faith, prayer, and all the virtues. They have the duty to provide as far as possible for the physical and spiritual needs of their children.*

### **Sacraments**

- First Reconciliation is prepared for and celebrated first semester of 2nd grade (during regular FF classes).
- First Communion is prepared for and celebrated second semester of 2nd grade (during regular FF classes)
- Confirmation is celebrated in the fall of 11th grade. There is a year of preparation beginning in January of their 10th grade year. We meet monthly on Sunday nights. Please see our website for information or contact the office. A separate Confirmation Registration is needed.
- Parent meetings for these sacraments will be held to give you more information.
- If your child is in need of these sacraments out of these scheduled preparation years, we have options. One of those is a special RCIA adapted for children class. Please let us know if your child is in need.

## **Volunteers**

Children's Faith Formation couldn't run without the countless hours of time, devotion, talent, and love that our volunteers pour into our programs. We are always looking for new volunteers. If you have time to teach, if you have a talent you'd like to share, or if you feel the Holy Spirit is tugging on your heart, we'd love to talk to you! To volunteer as an adult catechist, adult catechist aide, teen aide, or to help in the Children's Faith Formation program, please contact Charity Firestone.

## **Communication**

Communication from the Faith Formation Office will primarily come in the form of:

- Emails.
- Remind text alerts. **(Sign up for the REMIND by texting @hsmgm21 to 81010.)**
- Push notifications from our parish app. (Please download the parish app and opt in to the Faith Formation notification.)
- Website.
- Facebook page.
- Bulletin.

If you have questions, please contact:

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***The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine up on you, and be gracious to you!  
The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:24-26)***



# Children's Faith Formation Calendar 2021-2022

**Class Time:** 9:15am-10:45am

**Location:** Holy Spirit Elementary  
8580 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery AL 36117

Date	Student	Parent
<i>August 29<sup>th</sup></i>	<i><b>PARENT ORIENTATION</b></i>	<i><b>9:30am-10:30am</b></i>
<b>September, 2021</b>		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday FF Class #1	September Parent Meeting – School Gym
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday FF Class #2	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday FF Class #3	Parent Coffee & Chat – School Gym
<b>October, 2021</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Family Adoration – All are welcome!</i>	<i>5:30pm Eucharistic Adoration for Families.</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday FF Class #4	October Parent Meeting – School Gym
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday FF Class #5	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday FF Class #6	
24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Family Celebration #1 – School Gym</b>	<b>All families gather to celebrate (no class)</b>
30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>All Hallows Eve/ All Saints Trunk or Treat Drive-Thru</i>	<i>More details TBA</i>
31 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday FF Class #7	Parent Coffee & Chat – School Gym
<b>November, 2021</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Family Adoration – All are welcome!</i>	<i>5:30pm Eucharistic Adoration for Families..</i>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday FF Class #8	November Parent Meeting – School Gym <i>Daylight Savings Time End</i>
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday FF Class #9	Advent Wreaths
21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>***NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Break***</b>	
28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>***NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Break***</b>	
<b>December, 2021</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Family Adoration – All are welcome!</i>	<i>5:30pm Eucharistic Adoration for Families.</i>
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday FF Class #10	December Parent Meeting – School Gym
11 <sup>th</sup>	🙏 <i>First Reconciliation</i> 🙏	9am
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Family Celebration #2 – School Gym</b>	<b>All families gather to celebrate (no class)</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>***NO CLASS-Christmas Break***</b>	
26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>***NO CLASS-Christmas Break***</b>	

<b>January, 2022</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>***NO CLASS-Christmas Break***</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Family Adoration – All are welcome!</i>	<i>5:30pm Eucharistic Adoration for Families. Epiphany Celebration</i>
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday FF Class #11	January Parent Meeting – School Gym
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>***NO CLASS-Martin Luther King, Jr***</b>	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday FF Class #12	
30 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday FF Class #13	Parent Coffee & Chat – School Gym
<b>February, 2022</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Family Adoration – All are welcome!</i>	<i>5:30pm Eucharistic Adoration for Families.</i>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday FF Class #14	February Parent Meeting – School Gym
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday FF Class #15	
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>***NO CLASS- President's Day***</b>	
27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Family Celebration #3 – School Gym</b>	<b>All families gather to celebrate (no class)</b>
<b>March, 2022</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday FF Class #16	March Parent Meeting – School Gym Parent Coffee & Chat – School Gym
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday FF Class #17	<i>Daylight Savings Time</i>
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>***NO CLASS- Spring Break***</b>	
27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>***NO CLASS- Spring Break***</b>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
<b>April, 2022</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday FF Class #18	April Parent Meeting – School Gym
9 <sup>th</sup>	First Communion Retreat Morning	<i>More details TBA</i>
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday FF Class #19	
15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Good Friday</i>	
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>***NO CLASS- Easter***</b>	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday FF Class #20	
30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>First Holy Communion</i>	<i>2pm</i>
<b>May, 2022</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Family Celebration #4 – School Gym</b>	<b>All families gather to celebrate (no class)</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Family Adoration – All are welcome!</i>	<i>5:30pm Eucharistic Adoration for Families.</i>
<b>July, 2022 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>VBS</b>	<b>Registration launches May 1<sup>st</sup>!</b>
<b>Holy Days of Obligation:</b>		
<b>All Sundays</b>	<b>December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas (Nativity)</b>	
<b>August 15<sup>th</sup> - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>January 1<sup>st</sup>- Mary, Mother of God</b>	
<b>November 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints</b>	<b>April 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter (Resurrection)</b>	
<b>December 8<sup>th</sup> – Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>May 26<sup>th</sup>- Ascension of the Lord</b> celebrated on Sunday of same week	



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SUPPLY LIST**

Students will be bringing their supply bag with them to class each Sunday. Your child will need a pencil box with the assigned supplies (see list below). Please **DO NOT** bring food or drinks to class, they will not be allowed. Also, do not put anything additional in their bag.

**Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades:**

- Hard sided plastic pencil case in solid color. (Approximately 8.5 x 2 x 5.5 inches)
- Three #2 pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser (big rectangular; not pencil top)
- 1 box 24 count **Crayola** crayons
- Child safety scissors (blunt tip)
- Glue stick

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> grades:**

- Hard sided plastic pencil case in solid color. (Approximately 8.5 x 2 x 5.5 inches)
- Three #2 pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser (big rectangular; not pencil top)
- 1 box 12 count **Crayola** colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue stick

**Middle School & High School:**

- Pencil case
- Two #2 pencils
- Two black or blue pens
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser (big rectangular; not pencil top)