



Dear Parents and Families of Our Lady of the Fields:

Welcome to our **2022-2023** Faith Formation program!

Thank you for choosing us to support you as your child's first teachers of our Catholic Faith. Our parish Children's Faith Formation program accompanies you in your most important role by providing structured, age-appropriate curriculum, and educational opportunities for your child's spiritual growth and enrichment every year throughout childhood.

Our faith formation program will combine essential elements for in-person learning at our parish center with family faith-sharing in the home. We will offer class sessions in the traditional format with a catechist every other week for children entering pre-Kindergarten to 8th grade. We will provide parents with family-friendly resources for catechesis in the home on alternate weeks, as well as monthly parent enrichment sessions with staff on Zoom. We encourage parents to participate in on-going parish prayer, fellowship, and faith sharing opportunities designed for adults throughout the year. We will advertise those events regularly via Flock Note and our website. If you feel you need additional support sharing faith with your children, please write to andrea@olfparish.com.

Our year begins with a **Parent Orientation Zoom Meeting**, either on **Thursday, September 8th at 7:00PM**, or **Sunday, September 11th at 3:00PM**. Our first sessions with a catechist begin the week of **Sunday, September 18th with a "Meet-and-Greet the Catechist" for you and your children during the class session to which your family has been assigned**. Family materials will be available for parents to collect at this **Meet-and-Greet**.

Registration will be on a first-come first-served basis. It would be easiest for our families to register for a preferred class session and make changes later if necessary. Tuition fees will cover your child's workbook (*Finding God* by Loyola Press for Kindergarten through grade 8; and *ALLELUI!* by Our Sunday Visitor for Pre-K) **Children will be issued one workbook to bring back and forth for each meeting**. Alternatively, you may request a Digital copy for \$1.00 for use at home for K- through grade 8, or you may purchase an additional workbook for home use for \$22.00 from our office.

Registration for our 2022/2023 Faith Formation Program is online! We will send an invoice by email requesting payment after receiving your registration. To register, please visit our parish website or click this link <https://www.ourladyofthefields.org/childrens-faith-formation/>.

The registration deadline for 2022-23 classes is **July 15, 2022**. PLEASE HONOR THIS DEADLINE, even if you must change your class selection later. **Those waiting for sports or other extracurricular schedules may not get their first choice of class times. This year we may be forced to eliminate sessions based on the registrations we have received by July 15th.** A completed registration form is required for us to enroll a child in a class. We appreciate your cooperation and assistance in our planning process.

A family's financial need should never be a barrier to faith formation. Please contact andrea@olfparish.com for assistance.

Children who have not participated regularly in faith formation through the parish or Catholic School after receiving First Sacraments may need to enter special classes if they want to be eligible to prepare for further sacraments.

Please use this form if:



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- Your children (ages 3 to 13) are entering **Preschool through the 8th grade.**
- You plan to prepare a child to celebrate **Baptism, Eucharist, or Reconciliation** during this upcoming faith formation year. (Parents will receive further information about sacramental preparation via electronic and “snail” mail after registering for faith formation.)
- **RCIC- Catechumenate for Children and Teens:** Children (ages 7-13) who are not yet baptized and seek to become Catholic are prepared through our catechumenate. We offer special sessions for children and teens.
- **IFF:** Initial Faith Formation for baptized children with no formal faith formation experience to date.

Please note: **Orientation for parents interested in preparing their children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist** will be Monday, September 26th @ 7:00PM, or Monday, October 3rd @ 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.

If you are interested in learning more about our Catholic faith individually or by joining the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, please contact us: faithformation@olfparish.com.

We look forward to serving you and your families in the new faith formation year. Should the need arise, you can expect that we will follow proper COVID protocols for in-person classes. If you have questions, please email us: faithformation@olfparish.com.

Thank you!

Kind regards,

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Office hours: Sundays – 8:00AM to 2:00PM; Mondays through Thursdays 9:00AM to 5:00PM; Tuesdays 9:00AM to 6:00PM; and by appointment.

Confirmation: for all information and inquiries regarding Youth Ministry and Confirmation for 9th grade and above, please contact our Youth Ministry Team by emailing confirmation@olfparish.com. Thank you!