



2023-24, FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM CALENDAR

Please Note: *Gathering In Faith Together* (GIFT) and *FF Pancake Breakfast* events are an integral element of ALL Faith Formation programs. Parent Nights* are required for all K–8 families.

• Wednesday Sessions

Session Times for Grades K-5: 4:30-5:45PM or 6:30-7:45PM

Session Times for Grades 6-8: 4:30-6:00PM or 6:30-8:00PM

Schedule of Sessions: (NOTE - Kindergarten classes begin October 25) Sept. 20 (*Family GIFT event*), 27; Oct. 4, 11 (*Family GIFT event*), 25 (*Parent Night*); Nov. 1 (*Family GIFT event*), 8, 15 (*Parent Night*), 29; Dec. 6 (*Family GIFT event*), 13 (*Nativity Play, 5:15pm in gym*); Jan. 10 (*Family GIFT event*), 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7 (*Family GIFT event*), 21, 28 (*Parent Night*); Mar. 6, 12-13 (*Parish Meal Pack*), 20; Apr. 10 (*Parent Night*), 17, 24; May 1 (*Family GIFT event*). Retreat for Grades 6-8 will be held in the Winter—Date TBD

• Wednesday Parent Nights*

Join Father Andrie as he supports parents in raising their faith-filled families. **These sessions are a required part of your family's Faith Formation program.** They take place as your child(ren) attend their own Faith Formation class. Topics will be announced prior to each Parent Night.

Session Times:

Wednesdays, 4:30-5:40 PM and 6:30-7:40 PM, Media Center

Schedule of Sessions:

Oct. 25, Nov. 15, Feb. 28, Apr. 10

• Gathering in Faith Together (GIFT) Events

Vibrant family and household gatherings on Wednesdays featuring supper, breakout sessions and/or activities for all ages. Free of charge. *This is part of regular scheduled classes.*

Schedule of Sessions:

- ⇒ September 20, 5:15-7:00PM. Begins with 5:15PM Mass, followed by a family picnic and opportunity for children and parents to meet and talk with their Faith Formation catechists.
- ⇒ October 11, 4-7:00pm. Special event with the Relics of St. Therese including presentation, Mass, and supper.
- ⇒ November 1, 5:15-7:45PM. Session will begin with 5:15PM Mass on this Holy Day of Obligation for All Saints Day. Mass is followed by a family meal in the Community Room, and then our lesson.
- ⇒ December 6, 5:15-7:30PM. Session will begin with 5:15PM Mass. Mass is followed by a family meal in the Community Room, and then our Christmas Box packing service project.
- ⇒ January 10, 5:15-7:30PM. Session will begin with 5:15PM Mass. Mass is followed by a family meal in the Community Room, and then families will experience the beauty of God's creation by viewing a live ultrasound.
- ⇒ May 1, 5:15-7:00PM. Session will begin with 5:15PM Mass in the church and crowning of Mary at the outdoor grotto followed by a family picnic.

• FF Pancake Breakfast Events

Vibrant family and household gatherings featuring a pancake breakfast and inspirational teaching. Free of charge.

Session Times: Sundays after 8 & 10 AM Mass, in our Community Room.

Schedule of Sessions: Oct. 1; Feb. 25; May 5

• 1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist Preparation Parent Session, Retreats, and Rehearsals are all required & in-person

Reconciliation (home-based study)

Parent Session: Oct. 16, 6:30-8:30PM **OR** Oct. 23, 6:30-8:30PM in Community Room

Parent & Child Retreat: Nov. 18, 8:00-10:30AM

Celebration of Reconciliation: Jan. 11 OR Jan. 18, 6-7:30PM

Eucharist (home-based, online curriculum) in Community

Parent Session: Feb. 1: 6:30-8:30PM **OR** Feb. 5: 6:30-8:30PM in Community Room

Parent & Child Retreat: Mar. 2: 8:00-10:30AM

Rehearsal: Apr. 13: 9AM-12N (1-hour time slot specifically based on your selected Mass)

First Eucharist celebration Mass selected by family:

April 20 at 5:00PM and April 21 at 8:00 and 10:00AM

• Confirmation Preparation

Session Times: 3:30-5:00pm (unless otherwise noted)

Schedule of Sessions: Sept. 24 Parent/Sponsor/Candidate;

Following dates are Candidate only: Oct. 1, 29; Nov. 5; Dec. 3, 17; Jan. 7, 21; Feb. 18; Mar. 24; Apr. 14, 28.

Retreats—November 19 and March 10 from Noon-6:00pm

Sending Mass—January 28, 10:00am Mass

Confirmation Interviews—January 9, 3:30-8:00pm

Celebration of Confirmation—February 4, 2024, Basilica of St. Mary at 2:00pm

• Youth Discipleship Ministry (YDM)— HS Youth Group

Session Times: Sunday, 6:00-7:30pm

Schedule of Sessions: Oct. 1, 29; Nov. 5, 19; Dec. 3, 17; Jan. 7, 21; Feb. 18, Mar. 10, 24; April 14, 28

Activities/Events:

Steubenville July 12-14, 2024; Volunteer Opportunities; More Activities to be announced in coming months.

• Sunday Evening Mass

St. Therese is hosting a monthly Sunday Evening Mass from October-April

Time: 5:00pm **Location:** St. Therese Church

Oct. 1, Nov. 19, Dec. 3, Feb. 18, Mar. 10, Apr. 14

• Vacation Bible School

Children who have completed Kindergarten – Grade 4.

Students who have completed Grade 5 will be Service Project Coordinators and helpers.

June 17—June 21, 2024, 9am-12N

Watch the bulletin and website in Feb./March for registration information!