

# Seton Family Faith Formation - FAQs

**Thanks for your interest in Seton Family Faith Formation!** We want to make sure you have the information you need to move forward with your registration. Please take time to view the SFFF video, at this link <https://www.setonparish.org/cm-ymregistration>

Below are some **F**requently **A**sKed **Q**uestions that you may want to review.

Register at the same link. Please let us know if you have other questions.

**Is the shift to "Family Faith Formation" model due to Covid19?**

It was part of our long range plan!  
Turns out the pandemic just helped us to move up the time table.

**Has something like this been done before?**

**Absolutely!** Parishes all over the country have been doing something similar for years. Our goal is to implement the best aspects of what other parishes have done.

**What was the response in parishes that have done this?**

At first, there can be some nervousness or even resistance. *Change can be difficult.* However, once engaged in the model, the overall feedback has been overwhelmingly positive! Parents end up loving it. They talk about how much they themselves have learned and how they treasure spending quality time with their family.

**Are other local parishes making a shift like this?** Many parishes in our Diocese are making similar shifts.

**What are the chances of a family getting their first choice of Parent Session time slots?**

Chances are excellent, IF you get your registration in right away! Slots will be allocated on a "first come, first serve" basis. So the earlier you register, the better odds. *We will do our best to try to accommodate your 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.*

**Will there be babysitting available during the Parent Sessions?**

We explored all of the possibilities related to providing babysitting, but could not make it happen at this point, *due to restrictions that we still have in place this year (related to safety protocols).* With that in mind, we are offering SIX different Parent Session time slots, knowing it would be easier for families to make arrangements for younger children to stay at home with someone like a grandparent, friend, older sibling or other parent. Parent Sessions only occur every 4-5 weeks.

**What if a Parent can't make their time slot on a given month?**

We understand that there may be times where you get sick or a major conflict pops up. In those situations, we ask that you contact us to arrange another time for that week. *For consistency and community building, it will be really important to come to your designated time each week.*

**How important is it that a Parent go to the Parent Session each month?**

It is absolutely essential!!! During the Parent Session you will receive the necessary formation, training and materials needed for that month's family at home sessions. Our goal is to make sessions so meaningful, informative and engaging...  
You won't ever want to miss them!

**Will the Parent Sessions be crowded?**

We planned for plenty of spacing. Having 6 different times allows us to spread people out sufficiently and safely. *If protocols change again, we will move to a "virtual" format.*

**How long are the at home sessions?**

They are designed to be about an hour in length. *Much of it will depend on your own particular family situation.* There are no hard and fast rules. The Holy Spirit will guide you! Enjoy the conversations.

**If only one Parent can come, does it matter if it's Mom or Dad?**

**No.** However, we certainly hope this does not become merely a "mom thing". Too often, we see the mother being the only one making decisions about Mass or Faith Formation. *While we love our moms for that, we want our dads to be equally involved.* Every major study shows that when the father is actively involved in faith matters, the likelihood of the children embracing the faith goes way up!

**What about High Schoolers?**

We will have CREW, separate sessions for high school Teens. We will email Parents about CREW registration. *Of course, High Schoolers are welcome and encouraged to participate in the family at home sessions as well.*

**What about sacrament prep?**

For 2nd graders and 8th graders there will be special sessions and workshops, *in addition to the family sessions.* We will send you specific information throughout the year.

**Are there at home sessions every week?**

The At Home session schedule factors in the normal breaks—*holidays that we would normally have—no sessions Spring Break, etc—but that does not prevent you from gathering together for prayer and study anyway.* You might use a "holiday week" to catch up on a week that you might have missed.

**Will there be additional fees related to sacrament prep?** Everything is included in the Family Faith Formation registration fee. The only major exception to this is the Confirmation retreat for 8<sup>th</sup> graders at the Pines Catholic Camp. We were scheduled to have a fee increase this spring. Then the pandemic hit—so in order to assist our families, we have actually decreased the registration fee by 25%. The early bird rate is only be \$95 per family.

As always, if your family is experiencing economic hardship, please contact us to work something out. We never want finances to be a barrier to participating.