

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.

<https://www.setonparish.org/cm-ymregistration>

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

Will we still do “Family Faith Formation” after Covid19?

It was part of our long range plan to move to the Parent taught model of formation! We do plan to implement more interactive activities as well as build community among parents.

Do other parishes in our diocese use this model?

Absolutely! Because studies show that parents are the primary “influencers” in the lives of their own children, parishes all over the country have been using this model for years. Our goal is to implement the best aspects of what works for other parishes and adapt for our parish.

How do parents feel “equipped” for this model?

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 sharing their faith and spending quality time with their family.

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 first or second 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. With that in mind, we offer FIVE 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 ONCE every 4-5 weeks.

Will the Parent Sessions be crowded?

We planned for plenty of spacing. Having 5 different times allows us to spread people out sufficiently if we need to and yet also allow for small group setting.

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, interactions with other parents 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!

What about KID interaction with their peer group faith communities? We will have a variety of activities through the year including:

S.P.A.R.K. for 3rd-5th graders,

B.L.A.S.T. for 6th-8th graders,

C.R.E.W. for 9th-12th graders

Each of which has an additional registration, *apart from the Family Formation registration.* Please check out the Seton webpage for more info www.setonparish.org

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!

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 even use a “holiday week” to catch up on a week that you might have missed.*

What about sacrament prep? For 1st & 2nd graders, 7th & 8th graders, there will be special materials and time to gather *in addition to the family sessions.* We will send you specific information throughout the year—through Flocknotes.

Will there be additional fees related to sacrament prep? All costs related to sacramental preparation is included in the Family Faith Formation registration fee.

The only major exception to this is the Confirmation retreat for 8th graders at the Pines Catholic Camp.

Family Faith Formation registration fees: EARLY BIRD registration for Family Faith Formation is \$95.00 until May 31st (after that date, \$125.00) Please let us know if you have other questions.

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