St. Joseph Children’s Faith Formation (CFF) Program Options

Hear and explore Jesus’ message through the Sunday gospels: Pflaum Gospel Weeklies.

**Faith Building Children’s Sessions**  
**PreK - Grade 6**

Sunday 9:00 - 10:15 AM or Tuesday 4:30 - 5:45 PM

Sessions meet 2-3 times a month in St. Joseph School classrooms from September through April. Group size is ideally limited to 15 with at least one catechist per group.

**Sacramental Preparation** is a two year process, following Archdiocese guidelines. Typically grades 1-2 prepare for Reconciliation and First Communion and grades 7-8 prepare for Confirmation.

Special Circumstances are best served by making an appointment with a staff member to discuss the best fit.  
faithformation@stjoseph-libertyville.org  
(847)-362-5797

**Additional Sacrament Preparation Sessions** offered include:  
- Baptism - age 3 and up  
- First Communion - age 8 and up  
- Confirmation - high school teens

Parents of children under age 3 who seek baptism for their child should register to participate in Infant Baptism classes. Registration for these classes is through the parish office at 847-362-2073.

**Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for Children** is a process which welcomes non-baptized children or children baptized in a church other than Catholic ages 8 and up into the Catholic Church and prepares them to receive the sacraments.

**Special Religious Education Development (SPRED)** welcomes friends from six years through adulthood with developmental and intellectual challenges and other special needs into full participation in our faith community.  
Contact John Brodarick, SPRED Chairperson, at 847-

**Faith Weaving Family Sessions**  
**PreK - Grade 8**

Sunday 6:15 - 7:45 PM or Friday 6:15 - 7:45 PM

Sessions meet once a month in St. Joseph’s Koenig Center from September through May. All family members begin and end the session together with other families and then breakout and engage in age level learning, including teaching/aide opportunities for high school teens and speaker presentations for parents/adults. **Live It!** kits containing guidance and family activities to encourage faith learning in a family setting are sent home to use for the rest of the month.

**Peer Group Teen Sessions Grades 7-8**

Sessions meet for 1 hour and 30 minutes with two adult catechists in homes or St. Joseph meeting spaces. This encourages young people to grow beyond classroom learning to practicing their faith with peers in their community. Consistent with Archdiocesan guidelines, St. Joseph’s Confirmation preparation is a two year process and groups generally stay together over the two years engaging in small-group faith sharing, service opportunities, participation in the Mass and growing a more mature faith life.