Advent provides the perfect opportunity for us to grow in our spiritual journey. As members of the Spiritual Growth and Education priority team, we listened to what you shared on the discipleship maker survey given last fall. We would like to invite you to go deeper in your spiritual journey through offerings of faith formation, All Souls Catholic School, and the sharing of resources through a variety of mediums, we encourage you to join with fellow parishioners along the journey as we all strive to increase our knowledge and deepen our relationship with Christ.

As one of the four main priorities, Spiritual Growth and Education is striving to equip and empower all of us in our journey towards Bethlehem. Faith Formation is shifting from the traditional classroom model to embrace Family Centered Catechesis. As a parish embracing the future it is important to think outside the box in terms of spiritual growth and education. Faith Formation (Spiritual Growth and Education) is a lifelong journey for us that is not strictly reserved to children and young people but continues into adulthood. Numerous opportunities are available to all of us to grow in faith through educational experiences.

Two new programs this year focus on family centered catechesis where the entire family is engaged in spiritual formation. Through monthly program sessions (Padres y Madres Orantes and Family Plus Faith) parents are equipped to pass along the faith within the context of the domestic church. Adult/Parent Bible Study sessions are offered during various days/times to accommodate busy schedules, allowing individuals to go deeper in relationship with Christ. As in any relationship, regular communication is a key element in growing closer. Learn how the Lord communicates to us through scripture, reflection and prayer.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation are entrusted to parents to teach their children in the home, reminding us of the promises made at Baptism to “raise them in the faith.” All Souls desires to accompany (not replace) parents as well as everyone else in this sacred duty of passing along the faith. Has your heart listened to the quiet whisperings of the Holy Spirit to share your faith more fully with others? Formally pass along the faith by becoming a volunteer catechist (teacher). There are countless opportunities to share your faith with both children and adults.

With 92 Baptisms in the past year, we are growing and there is a need for instructors to teach about this sacrament. A team of individuals is needed for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.). Remember God equips the called rather than calls the equipped. YOU can do this! You love Jesus, you have a loving, nurturing relationship with Him. Not only are you giving a gift, but imagine the gift you receive when helping others on their journey in Christ.
A Catholic education is one of the Church’s responses to Jesus’ command to “make disciples of nations.” A Catholic education does not merely educate, but engages every part of the child – mind, body, and spirit.

At All Souls Catholic School, our students are immersed in their faith journey daily. Students deepen their relationship with Jesus throughout the day as they speak with Him through prayer at the beginning of the day, throughout the day and to end each day. Our students experience the living Christ during school retreats, student-led prayer services and weekly Mass. Students are well prepared to receive their sacraments.

All Souls Catholic School faculty strives to engage all students with meaningful learning experiences that recognize diversity and optimize every student’s academic potential. **Our goal is to create life-long learners steeped in the Catholic faith and values.** Catholic school students know that academic excellence is an expectation as they are challenged to use God’s gifts to their fullest potential.

All Souls Catholic School students grow in grace as they learn to lead and serve others. At every grade level, our students make a difference in their world through a variety of service and social justice projects that help those in the school, local, and global communities. Our students are charged to lead, serve and practice compassion.

All Souls Catholic School promotes self-discipline through the teachings of Christ, not simply to follow the rules. Our faculty, staff and students look to our school mission statement as our reference for all we do, including discipline. Our students are expected to behave as children of God.

Tuition is always a concern. If your family believes, as we do, that Catholic education is a priority, please do not view tuition as an obstacle. We will do everything we can to guide you toward the scholarships that are available so your child can join our growing family.

**All Souls Catholic School is guided by the Trinity to empower our school community to live, love, and learn through Christ. We are committed to excellence in education while preparing our students for a life of service, leadership and compassion.**