

## Faith Formation Curriculum

Welcome everyone to the 2017-2018 Faith formation year. We have a strong religious education program here at All Saints Catholic Church, and I am proud to be working with our catechists, students, and parents. Below is a brief synopsis of the goals we hope to obtain for the various grade levels. Also, this year we will be focusing on learning and saying the rosary.

We use the Sadlier "We Believe" series for grades 1, 3/4, and 5/6 This is an excellent program that stresses the role God plays in our lives and how each of us can grow in that love and discipleship as we grow in our faith.

**1st graders** explore becoming disciples in Christ by listening and sharing God's word, praying, making loving choices, and living their faith.

**2nd grade students** prepare for their First Reconciliation and First Communion.

**3rd and 4th grade students** become acquainted with using and reading the Bible as well as helping them learn to love God and others through the Ten Commandments, the Church year, and answering the call to holiness and discipleship.

**5th and 6th graders** focus on learning more about God's love for His people, and His actions in their lives. The students strengthen and act on what they have learned about how Jesus shares His life with us, the Liturgical year, becoming stronger in their faith, the Sacraments, and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

**7th and 8th graders** use the "Chosen" program. This program prepares our students both intellectually and spiritually on their journey to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and to become lifelong disciples of Christ.

**9th graders** will be using the *You: Life, Love, and Theology of the Body* program. This program is designed to help teens grow in their relationships with others, focusing more on others rather than oneself. The program explores one's own individuality and help reveals one's gifts and talents and sharing those with others. The program helps teens grow in all relationship and help them help others. The study includes videos, a workbook, discussion questions, and leader responses.

**10th- 12th graders** continue their Confirmation preparation with a program called "Your Journey to Confirmation" which focuses on the final steps to being confirmed. Students are then generally confirmed at the end of their sophomore or junior year. In total, students will have four years of preparation for Confirmation. This year is a Confirmation year (April 8th) with eight students being confirmed.

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