



# Generations of Faith

A faith formation experience for today's families living their faith in today's world

*"Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith." —Pope Francis*

## WELCOME TO GOF!

The Church of Saint Ann's faith formation program for families with children in grades 1-8.

- **A STRUCTURED EXPERIENCE.** Faith formation through seven sessions spread out between September and April. Each session lasts about an hour and forty-five minutes. Offered on Saturday mornings and Sunday evenings, you pick the one that best accommodates your schedule.\* Sunday Liturgy (Mass) is central and begins your week.
- **A FAMILY EXPERIENCE.** We accommodate the whole family with age appropriate faith formation, K-3, 4-6, 7-8, *and* adult. Families come together (at least one parent), share a meal, and are introduced to the monthly theme before breaking out into the activity sessions. The session closes with prayer.
- **AN ONGOING EXPERIENCE.** Empowering parents to faith and to share faith with their children, we provide, supporting resources for the home and activities to continue the conversation and enrich your journey.

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## THEME: *Igniting Faith*

### 2021—2022 SCHEDULE

#### Revised Edition 9-26-21

**SEPTEMBER** - Saturday 18 at 9:30 AM,  
& Sunday 26 at 5:00 PM

**OCTOBER** - Saturday 9 at 9:30 AM,  
& Sunday 24 at 5:00 PM

**NOVEMBER** - Saturday 6 at 9:30 AM,  
& Sunday 21 at 5:00 PM

**DECEMBER** - Saturday 4 at 9:30 AM  
& Sunday 5 at 5:00 PM

**JANUARY**—Family life home study, no session

**FEBRUARY**—Saturday 5 at 9:30 AM,  
& Sunday 20 at 5:00 PM

**MARCH** - Saturday 5 at 9:30 AM,  
& Sunday 20 at 5:00 PM

**APRIL**— Saturday 2 at 9:30 AM,  
& Sunday 24 at 5:00 PM

\*Invitations via a signup genius are sent out to you monthly to reserve your day. Registration per family which includes food and materials for all seven sessions is \$160.00. Please make check payable to "The Church of Saint Ann."

**First Reconciliation &  
First Eucharist  
Sacrament Preparation**

The specific preparation for a child's celebration of **Reconciliation** and **Eucharist** will rest primarily with the family. The sacraments will be discussed in the children's session but because of the multi-aged classrooms specific preparation cannot be done. The parish will provide support, encouragement and resources (Our Sunday Visitor/OSV, *Encounter with Christ* child book and parent guide). Our Sunday Visitor provides you with many additional online resources for you to use as your child journeys to First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

**Dates to Remember**

**Reconciliation Parent Meeting:**

Tuesday, Nov 7th Community Room 6:00 p.m.

**First Reconciliation Penance Service:**

January 5, 8, 12 & 15 — 6-7 pm weekdays and Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 pm (tentative)

**First Eucharist Parent Meeting:**

Tuesday, February 1st Community Room 6:00 p.m.

**First Eucharist Retreat & Banner Making:**

February 7, 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

**Practices: (45 minutes to one hour)**

Tuesday, May 3rd practice for 9:30 a.m. Mass  
Community Room 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 5th practice for 12:00 p.m. Mass  
Community Room 6:00 p.m.

**First Eucharist Celebration Masses:** Saturday, May 7th at 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**Confirmation  
7th & 8th Grade  
Sacrament Preparation**

The preparation for Confirmation is a two year period of preparation usually beginning in 7th grade. The program uses *Dynamic Catholic Design Point (required)* and Loyola Press—*Called to Be Catholic* (7th grade) and *Confirmed in the Spirit* (8th grade) along with parish/online resources that include all Decision Point videos.

Go to [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com) or call 1-859-980-7900 to get your FREE confirmation prep kit—student journal, leader's guide and e-book. A postage/handling fee is requested. The Program details and all videos are on the parish website so the candidates can continue to explore the curriculum independently and with their families.

**Dates to Remember**

**7th Grade Parent Mtg.** -Tuesday, Oct 5th —  
FDC Community Room 6:00 p.m.

**8th Grade Parent Mtg.** -Tuesday, Oct 12th  
FDC Community Room 6:00 p.m.

**7th Grade Rite of Commitment:**

Saturday, Oct 17th during 4:00 p.m. Mass or  
Sunday, Oct 18th during 10:30 a.m. Mass

**8th Grade Retreat — Jan. 29 & Feb. 4, 6pm to 8pm** (tentative); choose only one date

**8th Grade Rite With Sponsor:** Saturday Feb 5th during 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday, Feb 6th during 12:00 p.m. Mass

**8th Grade Rite/Letter to the Presider :** Saturday April 23 during 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday, April during 10:30 p.m. Mass

**Practices:** May 16 & May 17, 6-7 p.m.

**Confirmation Celebration:** Friday, May 20 at 4pm and 6pm