

Faith Formation Registration for Butler Area Catholic Parishes

St. Andrew, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Paul and St. Peter

Date Received _____
 Cash / Check # _____
 Amount: _____

Family Last Name: _____

Families may register for classes at any location, regardless of the parish to which they belong. Choose time slot and list student's name and the grade that he/she will be entering in the fall of 2019. Textbook & materials fee PER FAMILY: Early-bird registration fee is \$40 (through June 30). After June 30, the fee is \$60. Financial assistance is available. Registration is first come, first served. If a session is full, you will be contacted for a second choice.

2019-2020	Name	Grade	Name	Grade	Name	Grade	Name	Grade
Sunday Choices								
St. Andrew Parish 9:30-10:45am Pre3-Grade 8								
Butler City Parishes 9:15-10:30am Pre3-Grade 8 at St. Michael School								
St. Fidelis—Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:45-11:15am Pre3-Grade 7								
St Fidelis—Grade 8 9:45-11:15am Confirmation Class								
Monday Choice								
St. Fidelis—CGS 5:45-7:15pm Pre3-Grade 7								
Tuesday Choice								
St. Fidelis—CGS 4:30-6:30pm Pre3-Grade 7								
Homeschool								
Catholic School								

Description of Faith Formation Programs

for Butler Area Catholic Parishes

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Butler City Parishes and St. Andrew Parish

Our purpose for Faith Formation is to make a person's, "faith become living, conscious and active through the light of instruction." (Vatican Council II: Decree on the Bishop's office in the Church) We use a traditional classroom setting for imparting the doctrines of faith in an organic and systematic way. Parents, as their child's first educators, start this process with the birth of their child and continue to impart the faith in their daily lives. The catechists assist and support the parents in their child's faith journey. The Pittsburgh diocese has a basic set of expectations that we strive to surpass each year. We provide an environment where young people can grow in their faith at a level reasonable for their age.

St. Fidelis—Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We believe that God and the child have a unique relationship with one another particularly before the age of six and that the growth of this relationship should be assisted by the adult, but is directed by the Spirit of God within the child. The spiral curriculum of this Catechesis of the Good Shepherd discipleship model reflects the New Evangelization: Children hear the Good News of Jesus, are nourished in their faith and relationship with Him, then can respond to God's Plan through active participation in the Church and community of faith.

Children are grouped based on age, with four different levels – Level I for ages 3-6, Level II for grades 1-3, Level III for grades 4-5, and Level IV for grades 6-7. In Level I, our youngest children come to know the profound joy in listening to the Good Shepherd who knows each of them by name. Moral formation is nourished at this young developmental age. This is where children fall in love with Jesus! In Level II, children further explore morality through parables, the teachings of Jesus and by reflecting on the Great Commandment and the Maxims. The history of the Kingdom of God is the overarching theme from which children are guided to further works on the Mass and the Bible. In Level III (grades 4-5) & Level IV (grades 6-7), children begin meditating on parts of the Old Testament through the lens of Jesus, focusing more in depth on the parts of the Mass and the Rites of the Sacraments. Moral parables help in discerning our response to God's Word and to each other. For more on CGS, go to cgsusa.org. To arrange for a private tour of the specially designed rooms—called atria—contact St. Fidelis Faith Formation.

St. Fidelis—Confirmation for Grade 8

Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation calls teens to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and is designed to answer the Church's call for a New Evangelization, offering a new approach to youth catechesis and sacramental preparation. Featuring multiple dynamic presenters in visually stunning, fast-paced videos, *Chosen* is unlike anything available in the Church today. It features fully integrated written materials for students, parents, sponsors and leaders, and also has a rich offering of free, online resources.