

Ss. John and Paul Parish

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

As we enter a new season of Faith Formation, we continue our exploration of the Bible using the New Testament as our guide. When we read the New Testament, we discover that the earliest Christian communities were household churches, not unlike our own households of faith. As our construction project and health and safety challenges call us to reimagine Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, we are discovering new and exciting ways to offer those programs...read on!

Parish Intergenerational Faith Formation

A Family of Believers: Called and Sent by Jesus is our Parish Intergenerational Faith Formation focus for the year. Parish Intergenerational Faith Formation is for everyone...retirees, young adults, empty nesters, families with small children, newly married couples... everyone is invited to grow in faith together.

Households will engage online monthly on Sunday or Wednesday via a virtual platform from 6-6:45 p.m. Sessions will be recorded for later viewing for those households who cannot meet online in real time.

The virtual gathering will introduce and explain *Kitchen Table Faith*, which is a monthly online menu of faith formation activities for households of all sizes and ages. A few menu offerings will be required of all households, and the rest of the menu will contain fun and engaging options to explore our faith in ways that fit your household.

The fee for Parish Intergenerational Faith Formation this year will be \$10 per person, ages 5 to adult.



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Sacramental Formation

Sacramental Preparation Sessions for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation: Participation in Parish Intergenerational Faith Formation is required for two years prior to celebrating the sacrament. Sacramental Preparation sessions will be a blend of virtual and small group offerings.

Additional fee of \$35 per child for year of sacramental celebration.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

CLW is for children ages 4 through grade 4 and is offered during 8:30 and 10:30 Mass. No registration is required. **due to COVID-19, start date pending**

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry provides an opportunity for our young people to gather in peer groups for addition to Intergenerational Faith Formation.

- JP Kidz: Grades 3-4, meets third Sunday of the month
- Tweens: Grades 5-6, meets third Sunday of the month
- *Participation in Parish Intergenerational Faith Formation is required for JP Kidz and Tweens. No additional charge.*
- JYM: Grade 7-8, meets first and third Wednesdays of the month
- Teen Group: Grade 9-12, meets first and third Wednesdays of the month

\$10/ student for JYM or Teen Group. No additional charge if also registered for Parish Intergenerational Faith Formation.



Adult Faith Formation

Through our Parish Intergenerational Faith Formation program, adults have access to a menu of resources, including videos by national speakers, prayer, service ideas, etc. Additionally, our parish offers small faith sharing groups, mornings of reflection, and other opportunities for adults to grow in faith. Watch for communications throughout the year.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you or someone you know has questions about the Catholic Faith, this is the place to start. We begin working with new inquirers throughout the year. Contact Paulette for more information.

Just Faith

JustFaith is a process which invites people to go deeper in their understanding of the gospel in order to be better prepared to do justice in their local communities and beyond. Watch for details about offerings this fall, including JustFaith modules and “sister programming” about race relations. Contact Joe Antonelli, 515-202-6479

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Registration and Q&A Sessions

Faith Formation registration will be open from August 22-30. During this time online registration will be available at <https://ssjohnpaul.org/faith-formation>. Registration forms will also be available to print from our website, to complete and return to the parish office.

Do you have questions about how our faith formation program works and where your household and/or child falls in the mix? Are you concerned about how the coronavirus will affect our church life or life in general? Wondering about special needs or a child who hasn't celebrated his/her sacraments yet?

Come to one of the question and answer sessions that will be held after all Masses the weekends of August 22-23 and August 29-30. Meet some of the faith formation staff and have your questions answered. Faith formation registration forms will be available for pick-up, but registrations will *not* be collected at these events. You may take the form home to complete, and mail it to the parish office or return it to the drop box in the parish hall entrance. You may also return it by dropping it in the collection box when you come to Mass.

No one will be turned away for inability to pay. If you have financial issues, please contact Jenni Lihs for more information.

Our parish welcomes the presence and gifts of all people. If you have questions about accessibility for any part of parish life please contact Jenni Lihs, Special Needs Coordinator.



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