



St. Stephen Catholic Church

Faith Formation Office for Children, Youth & Adults

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Welcome! Our parish Faith Formation (*Children, Youth & Adult*) Programs offer many opportunities for you and your family to continue your faith formation. Our Faith Formation Registration forms are now available in the Faith Formation Office and on our St. Stephen Website.

NEW and RETURNING FAMILIES: Please complete the 2020-2021 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM. Although we may begin our year with an on-line platform we still ask you to register and indicate your class day/time preference in order for us to properly place your child(ren) when classes resume. In order to receive your preferred choice of class day and time, please register early! Class size is limited. Students are assigned to classes on a first come, first serve basis.

NEW STUDENTS: All New Students listed on the Faith Formation Registration Form who were **not** in our program last year (2019/2020) need to also complete a STUDENT INFORMATION FORM. These are new students of Returning Families as well as for New Families.

* Please include a copy of your child's **baptismal certificate at the time of registration.** If you are not a registered parishioner of St. Stephen we welcome you to register in our parish at this time.

IMPORTANT PAYMENT OPPORTUNITIES & CHANGES: Payments for our programs are available on-line through our WeShare Credit Card Program. Some families already have a WeShare account, if not please create one. Once in the WeShare Program click on Faith Formation and select the appropriate link(s) for payment. Registration Fees and Sacrament Fees have separate accounts. If you choose to pay by check, we ask that you please make out separate checks to St. Stephen for each type of fee (ie. Registration Fee, Workshop Fee, and Confirmation Retreat Fee). Thank you!

Faith Formation Registration Fees

\$ 65.00 One child

\$ 90.00 Two children

\$ 100.00 Three or more children

Retreats and Sacramental Preparation Fees

\$ 40.00 Reconciliation/Eucharist Sacrament Preparation

\$ 100.00 Confirmation Retreat (Date TBD. This Payment is due once date is set)

Catechists: Faith Formation is happy to give our Catechists a \$65.00 Registration Fee discount. We are so grateful for your commitment to our programs.

We offer the following classes: Pre-K 4 – At St. Stephen Catholic School building on Sunday 11:00 am-12:15 pm
Kindergarten thru Grade 5 - At St. Stephen School Catholic building on Sundays at either 8:00 am – 9:15 am or 11:00 am -12:15 pm or Wednesdays at either 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm or 6:00 -7:15 pm
Grades 6 – At St. Stephen Catholic School building on Sundays at 8:00 am – 9:15 am or Wednesdays at 6:00 -7:15 pm
Grades 7 – At St. Stephen Catholic School building on Monday nights at 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm.
Grade 8 and High School Confirmation – At St. Stephen Catholic School building on Monday nights at 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm.
Choose either Session A (Sept. 14—Oct. 26) or Session B (Nov. 2—Jan. 11)
High School Youth Group – At the Family Life Center on Wednesdays 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm.
Adult Confirmation Preparation - Adults: 6-week program on Sunday mornings at 10:45 am -12:00 pm at the Family Life Center
RCIA for Youth, grades 8-12 in need of Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & First Eucharist):
At the St. Stephen Catholic School building on Monday nights at 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm. Session A & B (Sept. 14—Jan 11)
Special Need Sacrament Preparation Program – Based on individual needs.

IMPORTANT Faith Formation Registration NOTICE

This September we are planning to begin all of our 2020/2021 Faith Formation Programs with an Online Platform. We will *transition* our programs to a classroom setting once the time is appropriate. **IMPORTANT...** Until this *transition date* is established, we want to be certain that you complete and send in this year's 2020/2021 Registration Form as soon as possible indicating your preferred "Faith Formation Class Day/Time" selection. If you prefer to continue the year with the Online Platform, please indicate this on the Registration Form as "HOMEBASE" in the "Faith Formation Class Day/Time" box. Please return your Registration Form to:

Sue@ststephencatholic.org or mail them to the Faith Formation Office.

PROGRAM STARTING DATES for 2020-2021

Pre-K4: Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020

Kindergarten – Grade 6: Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020 and Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020

Grade 7: Monday, Sept. 14, 2020

Confirmation for Grade 8 & High School: Session **A** - starts Monday, Sept 14, 2020 or
Session **B** - starts Monday Nov. 2, 2020

High School Youth Group: Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020

RCIA for Youth: Grade 8 & High School - Monday, Sept 14, 2020

Adult Confirmation: Sunday, October 11, 2020

MISSION

The gift of faith, which begins at Baptism, must be nourished throughout the entire life of each Catholic. Parents have the primary responsibility for training their children in the practices of our faith. Our parish Faith Formation Programs assist parents in their sacred duty, and provide opportunities for families to develop their prayer lives and their formal understanding of our faith so each individual can come to his/her potential as members of the People of God.

FAITH FORMATION POLICIES

Faith Formation Handbooks are available to parents on our website.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Families are asked to be registered members of St. Stephen Parish. If you know your Parish ID number, please include it on the front side of the Registration Form. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Children beginning Pre-K must be 4 years of age by September 1st of the year in which the student is enrolling. Children are placed in the same grade they attend in school although special considerations are made for sacrament preparation when necessary.

Parents are asked to sign the Commitment and Promise Agreement, the Photo/Video Release, the Medical Acknowledgement, and Permission to Text Messages all located on the reverse side of the Faith Formation Registration Form. It is essential you provide us with accurate emergency contact information and update as needed.

On the first day of class, parents will receive a calendar for the entire year. In the event of inclement weather, class is cancelled. We follow the same guidelines as Hillsborough County Public School.

The family has an essential role in preparation for and celebration of a sacrament. According to Diocesan guidelines, parents, as well as children and youth, are required to attend Sacrament Preparatory sessions, meet all expectations, pray daily, and attend Mass weekly as a family. Reminder notices are sent home regarding meetings, workshops, retreats, Rites, and rehearsals. Catholic School Diocesan guidelines are available in the Faith Formation Office. Classes are also offered for youth and adults who want to prepare for sacraments. Please call the Faith Formation Office to inform us of your needs.

CATECHISTS

We're very fortunate to have a large number of catechists sharing their time, love, and faith with our children and youth. Teaching requires hours of planning, studying and implementing. They have entered into a partnership with you to help continue your child's faith formation. Please give them your support and prayers. Remember, we can only reinforce what is being taught at home.

Contact the Faith Formation Office if you are interested in becoming a catechist, or volunteering as one of our support staff for our many programs. Visit our web site for a list of volunteer opportunities.

The safety of our children and youth is of utmost importance and a top priority. **Please use caution when escorting your child to and from their classrooms. There is no car line.**