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## Faith Formation Information & Welcome Letter

Dear Parents,

Blessings in this new year of Faith Formation when everything seems turned around because of these Covid-19 times! Yes, these are unusual times and yet, I keep believing that they are also times of opportunity. We are invited to do things in new ways – in ways we didn't think of doing things before or ways we were reluctant to do things in the past. So yes, even Faith Formation will take on a new look this year. We are excited for the new opportunities being shared with you. God's Holy Spirit is being poured out in tenderness and joy!!! Let's get on board and drink of that newness of Spirit. Our new curriculum is called "Finding God." I hope you find a new aspect of God that you never knew before this year!

This year our Kindergarten through Grade 5 program will be an at-home model. Parents and children will share faith together through the various chapters in our curriculum. There will be a little lesson plan, interactive games and videos for children. There will also be six parent-child in-person prayer, blessing and faith sharing gatherings at Church. I am looking forward to creating more videos with a faith story and prayer that you and your child may use each month in your home. It will be fun to hear how parents and children joyfully talk about God after experiencing some of these activities! Second grade will prepare for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

While our Grade K to 5 will nestle close to their parents to learn the faith, our grades 6 to 8, at this important socialization time in their lives, will seek out their peer groups so their classes will be held in person at the Church, conforming to all state and archdiocesan safety measures. They will gather with their peers to talk about God, being chosen by God and reviewing the basics of their Catholic Faith. Adult facilitators have come forth to guide these sessions. If someone chooses to do an at-home model that would be made available. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders are Year I and Year II Confirmation Candidates. These two levels will include mini courses that will be shared through zoom. There will also be a special in-person Safe and Sacred Course and another six-week Confirmation Course shared in the third term for candidates and sponsors (Year II) in which community members come forth to share faith stories.

**Please register online NOW before September 11th to ensure your child will have the necessary materials they will need for Faith Formation** (link provided at end of letter). As fees are set, we take into consideration all the expenses in the program including children and youth text books, activity books, Bibles, DVDs, paper, markers, speakers, cleaning of the building during Covid time, other curriculum supplemental materials, etc.

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Our children are gifts to the Church and world. They deserve the best we can offer them as they embark on their journey in faith. Faith formation provides each child the opportunity to say “Yes” to God’s call and to open an awareness to the God who is so near. As you register each child in your family, take a moment to pray for them. Most importantly pray that they will come to know and love the Person of Jesus Christ! Thank you for letting God shine through your parenting. Thanks for helping your children shine for Jesus.

In Jesus, who has already found us and delights in us,

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Following are the fees. **Always know that scholarships are available.**

Grades K to 5 - \$100.00

Grades 2 and Grade 10 (Sacrament Years) - \$155.00

Grades 6 thru 9 - \$130.00  
(extra cost for digital programs)

*\$300.00 cap per family*

Please register here: <https://mytads.com/a/stbridgetswedenfaithformation>

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