

Welcome to Elementary Faith Formation!

Please visit www.staoptw.org/elementary-faith-formation for the most up-to-date information:

- Yearly schedule
- Curriculum
- Prayers by Heart prayers to learn, K-6th Grade
- Information on Sacred and Safe (Nov 6/7/9, 2016)
- VIRTUS
- Lifelong Learning from the Cardinal: Prayers to Learn by Heart
- Staff contact information
- Sunday 12:45 session parking instructions for 2pm pickup

Elementary Faith Formation is a partnership between the parents, teachers, and the St. Anthony of Padua parish.

- Please introduce yourself to your child's teachers and learn their names and contact information.

Attendance at class is important. Faith Formation Attendance Policy:

Regular attendance at Faith Formation classes is CRITICAL in order to provide the best faith formation possible. However, we do understand that some absences are unavoidable due to illnesses or family emergency.

Please contact your child's catechist (teacher) to let them know of an absence. **You have the option to make up each absence by teaching your child the lesson at home and then bringing the end-of-chapter evaluation back to the teacher for attendance credit.** It is **your (the parent's)** responsibility to gather the makeup work and return the completed evaluation to the catechist within 3 class sessions in order to receive attendance credit for the missed session.

During Sacramental Preparation years (the year the child is preparing for First Reconciliation/First Communion and the year prior), the child can only have 2 absences (without makeup work) per year to be considered for preparation of the Sacraments.

Parent Involvement: our catechists are VOLUNTEERS! But we still need YOU!

- Substitute teacher
- Hall monitor

Allergies/special concerns: please let your child's teacher know about any allergies or special concerns.

Drop off and pick up procedures: Walk your child to class and sign him/her in each week. Do not leave your child if a teacher is not yet in the classroom. After class walk to the classroom and pick up your child. Please do not ask them to meet you in the parking lot. This is for their safety! The parking lot is VERY busy during this time.

- Sunday 5th / 6th graders meet in the PLB. Teachers will walk the children to the piazza where you may pick them up.

Special parking for Sunday 12:45 session pick-up: please see the website for detailed information. Please display your parking pass and follow the staff's instructions.

Sacred and Safe: sessions are Nov 6/7/9, 2016. Please see the website for lesson plans and handouts.

Family Rosary: please come to your child's class to pray the Rosary on Oct 23/24/26, 2016. If you have more than one child attending that Faith Formation session you may sign your children out early and meet in one child's classroom together to pray.

Other Programs for your family (see website for more information):

"Raising your Children Catholic" informal parent session with Barbara Beale for all FF Parents.

Oct 12, 7-9pm in the AMR

Little Ones of the Little Way for infants, toddlers, preschoolers

Kingdom Builders for 5th & 6th Graders

St. Anne's Society for "moms"

St. Monica's Society – a part of St. Anne's Society especially for moms of school-age children

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