

Welcome to Elementary Faith Formation 2017-2018!

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

- Yearly schedule
- Curriculum
- Makeup work policy and information
- Prayers by Heart prayers to learn, K-6th Grade
- VIRTUS
- Staff contact information

Be sure to keep your Paduan Portal information up to date and select a PREFERRED email address. We communicate primarily through email.

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.

Faith Formation Attendance Policy and Make Up Instructions 2017-2018:

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.

In the event your child misses a class, you will be able to teach the missed lesson at home. It is the parent's responsibility to obtain the makeup work, not the teacher's.

In order to receive attendance credit for the missed class, please do the following within 3 weeks of the missed class:

1. Contact your child's catechist (teacher) and ask for the missed Session pages from the student book.
2. Download the *Finding God At-Home Edition* and teach the session to your child. (You may exclude the "Art Exploration" section.) A **Study Guide** is also available for each session for your reference. Links to the above resources can be found at www.staoptw.org/elemff. Links will be active beginning in October.
3. **Have your child complete the Interactive Session Review and email it to: faithformation@staoptw.org**

It is imperative that you take the time to teach the lesson to your child. Your child will be unable to complete the online assessment if he/she only reads the pages from the student book. Enjoy this opportunity to share your faith with your child!

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! Contact our office to volunteer.

- 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.

Circle of Grace: sessions are scheduled for January 2018 during class. More information about this new archdiocesan program will be posted later this fall.

Family Rosary: please come to your child's class to pray the Rosary on Oct 22/23/24, 2017. 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.

Resources:

Kindergarten Curriculum: Allelu! Our Sunday Visitor www.Allelu.com

1st-6th Curriculum: Finding God Loyola Press www.FindingGod.com click on Family Resources
5th / 6th Anchor will follow a separate curriculum

The Catholic Children's Bible, St. Mary's Press \$27.95

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

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

Family Choir

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