



Welcome Families!

Congratulations on your generous and loving decision to provide your children with Faith Formation in the Roman Catholic tradition at Holy Redeemer Parish! It is a great honor for our Faith Formation team to be entrusted with assisting in the Faith Formation of your child(ren).

The primary goal of all our programs is to help children know and love Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist, the Sacraments, the Scriptures, the Church, and in all the people of the world.

Sunday school (4 years-Kindergarten) will meet on Sundays during 8:30am and 11am Mass mid-September through May. Our new Sunday School program uses a sensorimotor style of storytelling as a primary means for encountering God, so God is experienced, not just learned about. Sunday School children and their families are welcome to attend Family Sessions that are offered once a month. Please check Sunday School calendar for specific dates. Nursery will be available for younger children.

Classes for Grades 1-8 are in person offered on Tuesday evenings 5:45-7pm or Sundays 9:35-10:50am. Faith Formation also includes several Family Sessions that count as classes. These sessions are intended to increase the involvement of parents/guardians in the Faith Formation of their children. We recognize parent/guardian participation is vital to the work of formation. Family Sessions are offered, with breakfast, on Sundays from 8:35-10:50am once a month for all Faith Formation Families both that are signed up for Tuesday and Sunday classes. Please check Faith Formation calendar for specific dates. We will be using the "Spirit of Truth" curriculum (grades 1-8th) from the Sophia Institute, one of the publishers approved by the Diocese of Grand Rapids. As a reminder, children in 2nd grade are preparing to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, and children in 7th and 8th grade are preparing for Confirmation.

Arrival Policy (1-8th Grade): We encourage children to be on time for the beginning of class, but no earlier than 5 minutes prior to the start of their session. Children should be walked to their classroom. Please be sure the Catechist is present before leaving your child.

Dismissal Policy (1-8th Grade): We require all registered students to be picked up from their classroom by an authorized adult/guardian.

Senior High students will meet on Sunday evenings from 7-8:30pm. Please check Senior High calendar for specific dates.

All families are invited to begin the year of Faith Formation on Sunday, September 12th after 11am Mass for a day of welcome, good food and fun (Parish Picnic). Faith Formation Staff will be available to answer any questions or concerns and you can tour Faith Formation classrooms.

We are truly excited for this upcoming year and look forward to learning and growing along with your children. If at any time you have any suggestions, comments, concerns, or ideas, please feel free to contact Faith Formation Office:

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May God bless you and your family with many graces this year and always!
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