

Faith Formation (Religious Education)

Welcome to Faith Formation at St. Thomas the Apostle where we practice intergenerational, life-long faith formation through our religious education programs. Whether you are single, part of a family or couple, retired, or new to the community, you are welcome to join us as we explore our Catholic faith -- rich in tradition, prayer, scripture and history.

Our Faith Formation Gatherings are an awesome experience for everyone. We believe that this model is very successful in keeping our families actively engaged in their faith and our parish community. We also believe that the best way to experience our faith takes place side by side with our friends and family. When young and old alike are open to the Holy Spirit they make a wonderful combination; the old dream dreams and the young see visions. The dream of God, our Father is the dream of a vision for each of us, His children. This dream is to be celebrated from generation to generation. This is a precious legacy that we have been entrusted with and therefore should keep alive and pass on. Our mission is to provide families with opportunities to grow in our Catholic faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus so that they develop a missionary spirit. After all, we have been commissioned by Jesus to echo our Faith. We are the storytellers for the next generation.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And <u>remember</u>, I am with you always, to the end of the age. – Matthew 28 19:20.

What a great opportunity we have been given to be part of this great commission. Faith Formation Classes meet on the 3rd Sunday of the Month, Liturgy of the Word for Children takes place during the 9:00 Mass that same week. In addition to these gatherings, we have a variety of faith, social and service- related opportunities that you and your families may participate in.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you and your family to deepen our faith through these gatherings thus forming additional stories for the future.

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