



SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT

June 10, 2024

Dear Faith Formation Families,

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish welcomes all children in Grades 1-10 to participate in our Faith Formation Program. Going forward the emphasis continues to be on the Mass; a community coming together as one body of Christ and living a sacramental life. Beyond attending Mass, the program utilizes supplemental materials which provide families with clear interpretations of the Gospel message for children of all ages while also suggesting ways you might live out the Good News as disciples of Jesus.

Expectations:

- At least one parent from each registered family will attend the **All-Grade Level Parent Meeting on Tuesday, September 24 6:30pm-7:30pm**. This is important to fully understand the expectations of the program and is **required before** your child can begin the Faith Formation Program.
- Families are committed to practicing their faith by attending Mass weekly and supporting their child's involvement in the Faith Formation sessions which run October through March/April.

2024-2025 Program Overview:

- **Children in Grades 1-3** meet twice per month, Sunday mornings, 10:45am – 12:00pm. Children in Grade 2 will prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and children in Grade 3 will prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.
- **Children in Grades 4-6** – two options:
 - **Family Faith Formation Program** – children meet twice per month. Once on their designated Faith Formation Sunday *with a parent*, either 4:30pm – 5:45pm or 6:00pm – 7:15pm. They will attend a second session *by themselves* on either Tuesdays 4:30pm – 5:45pm or Thursdays 5:30pm – 6:45pm on their assigned grade level week.
 - **Online Self-directed Faith Formation Program** - each child will work independently and complete a weekly submission.
- **Children in Grades 7&8** – two options:
 - **Family Faith Formation Program** – children meet twice per month. Once on their designated Faith Formation Sunday *with a parent*, either 4:30pm – 5:45pm or 6:00pm – 7:15pm. They will attend a second session *by themselves* on either Tuesdays 4:30pm – 5:45pm or Thursdays 5:30pm – 6:45pm on their assigned grade level week.
 - **Online Self-directed Faith Formation Program** - each child will work independently and complete a weekly submission.
- **Teens in Grades 9 & 10** will meet twice per month on Sunday evenings, (Grade 9 4:30pm – 5:45pm and Grade 10 6:00pm – 7:15pm). The Confirmation Program is a two-year program.
- **Additional Services and Programs** – All families will attend the Evening Prayer Services, Advent Night, Lent Night, Stations of the Cross, and Grade level Masses which supplement the Faith Formation sessions as outlined on the program calendars.

Please take some time as a family to discern the program expectations and offerings prior to the registration process which will begin in mid-July. A separate email will be sent to all families with the registration details as well as the grade level program calendars. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at donna@isidoreandmaria.org or (860)633-9419. Thank you for your continued support of the Faith Formation program.

Best,
Donna Berger
Faith Formation Director