



Dear Parents and Families of Our Lady of the Fields:

Welcome to our **2025-2026** Faith Formation program!

Thank you for choosing us to support you as your child's first teachers of our Catholic Faith. Our parish Children's Faith Formation program accompanies you in your most important role by providing structured, age-appropriate curriculum, and educational opportunities for your child's spiritual growth and enrichment every year throughout childhood.

Our faith formation program will combine essential elements for in-person learning at our parish center with family faith-sharing in the home. We will offer sessions with a catechist and peers every other week for children entering pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade. We will provide parents with family-friendly resources for catechesis in the home on alternate weeks, as well as occasional parent enrichment sessions with staff on Zoom, family events and seasonal activities.

We encourage parents to participate in Mass, fellowship, and faith sharing opportunities designed for adults throughout the year. We will advertise those events regularly via Flock Note and our website. If you need additional support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Important dates:

- **July 15, 2025 - Registration due.**
 - Please note that families with children in **Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 7** will use our standard Faith Formation Registration Form.
 - **To register eighth graders, please use the Grade 8 Faith Formation Registration Form which includes sacramental Preparation for Confirmation. For more information about Confirmation in Grade 8 and Grade 9, please visit our website.**
<https://www.ourladyofthefields.org/confirmation-2025-2026/>
- **September 4th (Thursday) at 7:00PM** - Parent Orientation Zoom Meeting. This meeting will be recorded and available to registered families who miss the Orientation Zoom Meeting on 9/4.
- **September 7th (Sunday)** – Catechetical Sunday recognizing parents and catechists at all Masses.
- **September 14th (Sunday)** - Meet-and-Greet the Catechist for you and your children during the Sunday peer-group session to which your family has been assigned. Family materials will be available for parents to collect at this Meet-and-Greet.
- **September 16th (Tuesday) at 4:45** - Meet-and-Greet the Catechist for you and your children during the Tuesday peer-group session to which your family has been assigned. Family materials will be available for parents to collect at this Meet-and-Greet.
- **September 21st (Sunday)** - First Sunday Faith Formation sessions
- **September 23rd (Tuesday)** - First Tuesday Faith Formation session
- **September 24th (Wednesday) at 7:00PM** - Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist Parent Orientation in the Parish Hall.

Registration will be on a first-come first-served basis. It would be easiest for our families to register for a preferred peer group session and make changes later if necessary. Tuition fees will cover your child's faith formation workbook (Finding God by Loyola Press for Kindergarten through grade 8; and ALLELUI! by Our Sunday Visitor for Pre-K) **Children will be issued one workbook each to bring back and forth for each meeting.** If your child loses a workbook, a new one will be available for purchase from the faith formation office for \$22.00.



Registration for our 2025/2026 Faith Formation Program is online! We will send an invoice by email requesting payment after receiving your registration. To register, please visit our parish website or click this link <https://www.ourladyofthefields.org/childrens-faith-formation/>.

The registration deadline for 2025/2026 classes is **July 15, 2025**. PLEASE HONOR THIS DEADLINE, even if you must change your class selection later. **Those waiting for other extracurricular schedules may not get their first choice of class times.** A completed registration form is required for us to enroll a child in a class. We appreciate your cooperation in our planning process so that your family has the best experience in the coming year.

A family's financial need should never be a barrier to faith formation. Please contact faithformation@olfparish.com for assistance.

Please use the **Faith Formation Registration Form (PK3 to 7th Grade)** if:

- Your children (ages 3 to 12) are entering **Preschool through the 7th grade**.
- You plan to prepare a child to celebrate **Eucharist or Reconciliation** during this upcoming faith formation year. (Parents will receive further information about sacramental preparation via electronic and "snail" mail after registering for faith formation.)
- Your child (ages 7-12) is not yet baptized or had no other formal faith formation since baptism. We offer additional preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation for the child and their families.

Please use the **Grade 8 Faith Formation Registration/Confirmation Preparation Form** if:

- Your child is entering 8th Grade. You may select the same Faith Formation session for all your children of any age. Eighth graders will receive Faith Formation and Confirmation Preparation with their catechists at their selected session times. Parents will receive information about Confirmation in a separate mailing.
- Your 8th grader is not yet baptized or has had no other formal faith formation since baptism. They will receive additional Sacramental preparation before Confirmation.

Orientation for parents interested in preparing their children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will be on **Wednesday, September 24th @ 7:00PM** in the Parish Hall. This meeting is designed for parents only.

If you are interested in learning more about our Catholic faith individually or by joining the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, please contact us: faithformation@olfparish.com.

Thank you!

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For all information and inquiries regarding Youth Ministry and Confirmation for 9th grade and above, please contact our Youth Ministry Team by emailing confirmation@olfparish.com.
Thank you!