

Parish of St. Anne



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Family Handbook for Faith Formation

The OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION is located in the basement of Saint Anne's Rectory

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Dear Family,

Welcome! Whether your family is new or returning, we hope to provide an educational, faith-enriching, enjoyable experience. Our goal is to work together to form a partnership dedicated to the faith formation of your child *and* your family. Faith formation happens first ***within the family***. The Rite of Baptism calls parents to commit to "raising children in the practice of the faith", which affirms that parents are the first and most important teachers of the Catholic faith. Through this commitment, our children and families will continue to develop a greater love for God and Church, and our faith formation programs will continue to support what goes on in the home. In addition to attending faith formation sessions, ***it is essential that your family attend Mass weekly***. The weekly celebration of Eucharist is the basis for our faith, and our children learn best by worshipping each week with their family. **We encourage you to check out the 9:30a Family Mass!**

If the Faith Formation office can serve you in any way, please contact us. May God bless you and your families with peace throughout this year.

Fr. Joe, Pastor

Donna Stickna, Director of Faith Formation

EXPECTATIONS



Children in Faith Formation are expected to...

...be present at and on time for all classes. No more than **3** absences (excused or unexcused) are permitted. If your child is absent, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

...bring their religion book to each class. Textbooks are distributed the first day of class. The child's full name should be written on the inside cover. If a textbook is lost, a replacement can be purchased for \$20.

...respect the property of others. If there is any damage done to desks, books, or property of Saint Anne School students, the child assigned to that seat during the previous Faith Formation class will be held responsible. This could result not only in the child being asked to leave the program, but also in being charged for any incurred damage.

...leave their phone at home. Any student using a cell phone during class will have it taken away. It will be returned to the parent only.

...refrain from chewing gum or eating in class.

...be properly dressed for class. Both boys and girls are expected to be dressed appropriately; boys are not to wear hats in any of the buildings, especially the Church.

...demonstrate common courtesy to catechists and to other students. If the student is unwilling to cooperate with the catechist, then further action is required. Disrespectful and disruptive behavior will be dealt with in the following manner:

1st offense: the child is sent to principal's office

2nd offense: parent/guardian is called to pick up their child.

3rd offense: parent/guardian will be required to attend sessions with their child.

Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.

No child will be released from class without a note from a parent or guardian.

If you need to pick up your child early, please report to the nurse's office.

PLEASE PICK UP CHILDREN PROMPTLY AT DISMISSAL.

There will be no supervision for your children after that time. If no one is there to pick up, the children will be taken to the Rectory.

YOU are your child's first—and most important— teacher!

*When your child comes home, ask questions and go over the lesson.
Incorporate what your child learns into your family's daily routine.*