



St. Francis Xavier's Religious Education Program

St. Francis Xavier Parish is starting a Family of Faith program that will replace the weekly classes held in the past. Religious Education classes for students will now be held only twice per month. Meeting times will be between Masses on Sundays, starting promptly at 9:15am and ending at 10:15am.

Parents are required to attend the first session of each month, and invited but not required to attend the Adult Faith Formation sessions on the second meeting of each month, where we will be viewing "Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained" by the Augustine Institute. Please note the following dates:

- September 17, 2023 - Mandatory Parent Orientation Meeting 9:15 - 10:15 am (No Class for Students)

All students grades 1-8 who are enrolled in public school must attend the following classes, held on Sundays in the Church basement from 9:15 - 10:15:

- October 1, 2023 (Parents attend a Family of Faith Session at school gym)
- October 15, 2023 *
- November 5, 2023 (Parents attend a Family of Faith Session at school gym)
- November 19, 2023 *
- December 3, 2023 (Parents attend a Family of Faith Session at school gym)
- December 17, 2023 *
- January 7, 2024 (Parents attend a Family of Faith Session at school gym)
- January 21, 2024 *
- February 4, 2024 (Parents attend a Family of Faith Session at school gym)
- February 25, 2024 *
- March 3, 2024 (Parents attend a Family of Faith Session at school gym)
- March 17, 2024 * (**Penance Service for all families in lieu of class**)
- April 7, 2024 (Parents attend a Family of Faith Session at school gym)
- April 28, 2024*
- May 5, 2024 - (Parents attend a Family of Faith Session at school gym)
- May 19, 2024 *

* **2nd grade students who are enrolled in Catholic schools must attend ONLY the 2nd session of each month which will be dedicated to sacramental preparation.**

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St. Francis Xavier Sacramental Preparation: First Reconciliation and Communion

All students in the 2nd grade who attend a public school are required to attend all classes. Catholic school students who are seeking to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will need to only attend the second session of each month.

Other Important Dates

(All events held at St. Francis Xavier Church)

First Reconciliation Reflection and Rehearsal

Sunday January 21, 2024

9:15 - 10:15 am

First Reconciliation

Sunday January 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm

or

Monday January 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm

First Holy Communion Rehearsal

Thursday May 2, 2024

6:30 pm

First Holy Communion

Sunday May 5, 2024

2:00 pm

Crowning of Mary

Sunday May 12, 2024

10:30 am



St. Francis Xavier Sacramental Preparation: Confirmation

All students in the 9th Grade, whether in public or Catholic school, who are seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will need to attend all of the religious education classes. All classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 in the Church basement.

Parents who only have a 9th grade student in our program are not required to attend any sessions, however parents are more than welcome to attend the Family of Faith Sessions held during the first classes of each month at the school gym and/or the Adult Faith Formation Sessions held during the second classes of each month at the school gym.

- October 1, 2023
- October 15, 2023
- November 5, 2023
- November 19, 2023
- December 3, 2023
- **December 16, 2023 (Regional Confirmation Retreat at Bishop Stang High School)**
 - January 7, 2024
 - January 21, 2024
 - February 4, 2024
 - February 25, 2024
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 - March 17, 2024
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We will communicate the time and date of confirmation as soon as we receive word from the diocese.