

An Invitation from the Faith Formation Staff

We welcome you to another year of Faith Formation! Through these offerings we aim to provide life-long Faith Formation for children, youth, and adults. At the same time we recognize the great faith and knowledge of the Lord already present in you! We see it when...

- ...parents bring their children to Mass;
- ...catechists share their faith on Tuesday and Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings;
- ...parents/grandparents can bring their children to sacrament meetings;
- ...youth meet with mentors at youth group;
- ...families gather for devotional and service experiences.

In these and many other ways, we appreciate being able to partner with you to bring the Good News of Jesus to our community!

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Parish Gatherings

(see the Faith Formation Calendar for dates & times)

These sessions are for all parish members: Children, youth, and adults—churched and unchurched. All households are welcome - those with or without children, singles, grandparents, young adults...

Annual Pilgrimage—to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, Champion on Saturday, September 30. Parish-wide participation in this pilgrimage is highly encouraged. Special graces and indulgences are granted to pilgrims with the proper disposition.

During the year, special devotional and service experiences are offered to families. Everyone is encouraged to make full use of these offerings.

Parents and families are exhorted to help their members to experience the prayers and devotions of the Catholic Church.



Growing together in
Faith, Hope, & Love

Faith Formation Sessions

(see the Faith Formation Calendar for dates & times)

Early Childhood Church Time
4 years—KN (*but not yet in 1st grade*)

Sundays during the 10:15 am Mass
Church Time is a Sunday Gospel-based, fun-filled, activity packed lesson that takes place during the 10:15 am Mass. It is designed for your child who will explore the Sunday readings at an age-appropriate level, guided by Gospel helpers. Children are dismissed to their catechists before the First Reading and rejoin their families in Bona Hall after Mass.

Faith Formation Sessions (continued)

Gr. 1-2 Sundays during the 10:15 am Mass
Children are dismissed to their catechists before the First Reading and rejoin their families in Bona Hall after Mass.

Gr. 3-5 Tuesdays, 6:15—7:30 pm
Weekly, classroom-based sessions are offered September through April for Grades 3-5. Children and youth will meet with their catechist in small groups. Textbooks and other prescribed materials will be followed.

Gr. 6-11 Wednesdays, 6:15—7:45 pm
Weekly, sessions are offered September through March for Grades 6-11. Youth will meet with their catechist in small groups as well as in large group. Lifeteen, Edge and textbooks will be followed.

Home Study—for Grades 1-11

(see the Faith Formation Calendar for dates & times)

This option is offered to accommodate households whose schedules do not allow them to participate in Faith Formation Sessions, or where parents wish to take the primary role in teaching. Guided by parents and using the designated textbooks and other learning materials, children and youth complete a prescribed curriculum.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

(continued)

First Communion

Children who are in Grade 2 or older are invited to prepare for this sacrament. The process includes family meetings at Nativity as well as lessons and activities to be completed at home. Information about the process will be mailed to families in **December**.

Confirmation—Grade 11

Sundays in March & April 6:00—8:00 pm

In response to the call of the Holy Spirit, Nativity's high school juniors will prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring using Matthew Kelly's program **Decision Point**. Both small group and large group sessions take place Sundays in March and April. Youth need to attend a retreat and take part in service opportunities. Youth and their sponsors meet throughout the process to discuss how they have grown in their faith.

Becoming Catholic—RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life. As participants become ready, they celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Prayer, small-group discussion, question and answer sessions, and teaching on basic faith concepts and practices are highlights of this process. For more information, please contact: **Wayne Efferson, Worship Servant Leader**
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

(see the Faith Formation Calendar for dates & times)

First Reconciliation

Children in Grade 2 or older who have not yet received this sacrament are invited to prepare for and celebrate Reconciliation. The process includes family meetings at Nativity as well as lessons and activities to be completed at home. Information about the process will be mailed to families in **August**.

Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12

Middle School youth are given the opportunity to get involved in Youth Ministry on a monthly basis. Activities will differ from month to month, but are bound to be faith filled and FUN.

High School youth group meets each Wednesday after Faith Formation class from 7:45-9:00 pm. There will be different outside offerings, from Youth Group, throughout the year that the youth can get involved in.

Nativity also participates in **Green Bay West Side Youth Ministry**, an eight parish effort to provide a broad-based, comprehensive ministry for youth. Come and get involved!!

For more information, contact:
Stephanie Rottier, Youth Minister
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Adult Faith Formation Offerings Watch the weekly bulletin for additional information.

Throughout the year, Nativity Parish offers a variety of Adult Faith Formation opportunities.

Exploring World Religions—Bona Hall (2nd Mondays of the Month) 6:00-7:30 pm

- ♦ September 11—Islam: Friend or Foe
- ♦ October 9—Judaism: Brothers & Sisters in Faith
- ♦ November 13—Christianity—A New Look at our own Faith
- ♦ December 11—Monotheism—Abrahamic & Other Traditions

Adult Faith Formation Offerings (continued)

Gospel of Matthew—Bona Hall (1st & 3rd Mondays of the Month) 6:00-7:30 pm

- ♦ September 18; October 2 & 16
- ♦ November 6 & 20; December 4 & 18

Taize Prayer—Chapel is offered on the *third Wednesday of each month (*subject to change) at Nativity Parish in the chapel from 6:30—7:30 pm. This prayer experience includes quiet music as well as prayers read aloud.

Thursday Morning Prayer—Chapel is offered on Thursday morning at Nativity Parish in the chapel from 6:30—7:30 am. The morning prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours is prayed aloud amongst the group.

Second Friday for Seniors—Bona Hall is offered monthly in collaboration with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Topics may be of special interest to seniors, but the sessions are open to all adults. The presentations follow 9:00 am Mass and include a continental breakfast. Location rotates between Nativity and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Soup and Substance—Bona Hall
A simple meal of soup and rolls is served, followed by a speaker who addresses a Lenten topic. Strengthen your Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving by attending these sessions.

Eucharistic Adoration—Chapel
Mondays, 9:30 am—1:00 pm

Holy Hour Service—Chapel
2nd Mondays, 12:05—1:00 pm

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

All Volunteers must go through a background check and attend the VIRTUS Training

Parents, other adults of the parish, and high school youth are needed to serve as catechists, catechist aides, substitute catechists, safety monitors, attendance checkers and prayer checkers, etc. A detailed list of volunteer roles is listed below for your consideration.

Faith Formation

Please check roles interested

- Catechist, Grades 1-11** (list grade ____)
- Early Childhood Church Time Helper** (Sunday)
- Small Group Leaders, Confirmation** (Gr. 11)
- Substitute Catechist Grades 1-11** (list grade preference____)
- Guest Speaker for High School Sessions**
- Youth Ministry Mentors**
____Middle School ____High School
- Safety Monitor**
__ Sundays __ Tuesdays __ Wednesdays
- Attendance Checker**
__ Sundays __ Tuesdays __ Wednesdays
- Prayer Checker for Grades 1-5** (Tuesdays)
- Childcare**
- Project Person** (preparing materials/supplies)
- Music - instrumental or vocal**
- Help with Check-in (Hospitality)**
- Meal Coordinator/planner/preparer/food purchaser**
- Help with meal/snack prep/clean up**

Name _____

Phone # _____



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Learn Him - Love Him - Live Him

Mission Statement

Nativity Faith Formation Program seeks to form, inform and transform the faith of the families of our parish as disciples of Christ on our journey from our earthly life to eternal life



Programs & Offerings
Children, Youth & Adults

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