



## 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 Experiences

(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...

During the year, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Advent and Lenten 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.



## Faith Formation Sessions

(see the Faith Formation Calendar for dates & times)

### Grades 1—5

- Weekly, classroom based sessions are offered September through April.
- Children meet with their catechist in small groups.
- Text books and other prescribed materials will be followed.

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

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.

## Faith Formation Sessions (continued)

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.

## 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

(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.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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### 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

In response to the call of the Holy Spirit, **Nativity's high school juniors will prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring.** Youth need to attend 6 sessions, 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.

Information about the process will be mailed to families in December.

### 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 [natwe@nativityparish.com](mailto:natwe@nativityparish.com) or 499-5156.

## 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
- Safety Monitor  
\_\_ Sundays \_\_ Tuesdays \_\_ Wednesdays
- Attendance Checker  
\_\_ Sundays \_\_ Tuesdays \_\_ Wednesdays
- 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_



Lifelong faith formation  
**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**



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