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*Saint Michael the Archangel Church*

# FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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A FAMILY BASED MODEL FOR EVERY  
PERSON TO ENCOUNTER, GROW, AND  
WITNESS THE CATHOLIC FAITH

# MISSION

To partner with and empower parents to joyfully respond to God's call to be the "primary educators of [their] children" in the faith.

## WHY FAMILY BASED MODEL

The change to a family based program was made in order to support your *entire family* in growing in relationship with Jesus Christ and in knowledge of the Catholic Church's teachings and practices. More than your children receiving the intellectual tradition of the Church, they will see its lived reality in your home as we assist you in building the Domestic Church!

# PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

## FAMILY

- **Attendance at Sunday Mass**
- **2 Monthly Lessons:** Each lesson from Family of Faith by Sophia Press comes with 5 detailed activities for families to choose from for each lesson. Choose two lessons that best fit your family!
- **Monthly Online Family Reflection:** At the end of each month an assessment will be emailed out to each family. Each student along with (at least) one parent will fill out a GoogleForm encouraging reflection on the month's topics to ensure us that the learning expectation was met.

## PARENTS

One monthly in person content and discussion-based parent session

**First Mondays 7:00-8:00p**

## CHILDREN

Participation in lessons with the family

# SACRAMENTAL YEARS

*Specific Dates will be given in a separate handbook*

## FIRST COMMUNION PREP

*First Communion is typically for students who are in 2nd grade, if your child is outside of that age and desires the sacrament please contact the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis*

In-person First Communion preparation will happen the the weeks prior to the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion. More information will be released TBA.

## CONFIRMATION PREP

*Confirmation preparation is a two year program typically for students who are in 7th and 8th grade, if your child is outside of that age and desires the sacrament please contact the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis*

7th and 8th grade students who are preparing for Confirmation will attend in-person weekly small groups on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm. Students are allowed to miss up to four weeks.

More information about Confirmation retreats and service hours will be released TBA.

# COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHO IS THIS PROGRAM FOR

Family Faith Formation is for all Saint Michael parish families with children in K-8 who currently do not attend Catholic School. However, Saint Michael school families are more than welcome to join!

## HOW DO I REGISTER

Visit us online at [saintmichael-cd.org](http://saintmichael-cd.org) and fill out the GoogleForm under the Family Faith Formation tab to register your child today!

## REGISTRATION FEE

The \$150 registration fee covers the cost of the program materials and continual formation and support from Katie and Maggie. We encourage you to fully utilize your resources to get the maximum outcome of this at-home program.

We do not exceed \$450 for more than three children.

## WHAT IF I FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE WITH IN-PERSON EVENTS

This is an entirely home-based program. The majority of students will only have to attend Saint Michael's for Sunday mass. Confirmation Prep includes weekly in person small groups for 7th and 8th grade students. First Communion Prep will also include some in person meetings for 2nd grade students. Masks will be worn and social distancing will be practiced with extreme care. Please feel free to email if we need to make special accommodations for your family. We are more than happy to do so!

## PARENT SUPPORT: OFFICE HOURS

Please email to schedule a in-person meeting, Zoom, or phone call. We will be specifically setting aside this time to be available for parents to help strategize teaching lessons, and answering faith questions.

Monday: 2-6pm

Tuesday: 12-3pm

Wednesday: 8-11am

Or by appointment.

## CHILD SUPPORT: TUTORING

If students become overwhelmed with the program or particular topics we are here to offer support and guidance. Katie and Maggie will offer tutoring either in person or via Zoom, depending on the parent's preferences. We will work with any individual needs and circumstances so that no one gets left behind.

## WHAT IF MY CHILD IS STRUGGLING IN THE FAITH?

If your child is asking hard questions, struggling to believe, or resenting their Catholic faith then we are here to be a support in your child's walk in the faith. We would love to meet with your child to see where they are at and help them (and you) along the way.

*"Ten thousand questions does not equal one doubt."*

Saint John Henry Newman

## WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR MY CHILD AFTER CONFIRMATION?

Saint Michael's offers a high school youth ministry program that keep the youth connected to the parish even after Faith Formation. Growing in the faith and holiness is a necessary part of our entire Christian lives. Youth Group provides community, formation, and prayer every Sunday evening. See our website for more details. All high school aged students are welcome!

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