

**FAITH FORMATION 2022-2023**  
**Gr. K-5 FAMILY PROGRAM**

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**St. Paul Parish Mission Statement:**  
**SEEKING THE GOD WHO SEEKS US through worship, friendship, and service**

**1 - Prioritize your family's weekly Mass routine.** Faith Formation is meant to be supplemental to your family's Faith life, and at the heart of that is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment: Keep Holy the Lord's Day. We are blessed at St. Paul's to have Mass offered throughout the weekend so that we can pray and worship God together, and receive Him in the Eucharist!

- **Saturday 5pm and Sunday 8am, 10am, 12pm**
- **Monthly 7pm Mass with Confirmation families – All parishioners are welcome!**  
**Special invitation to Gr. 6-8 Families. 10/16, 11/20, 12/11, 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/23**

**Gr. K-5 Sign-Up: Children's Liturgy of the Word**

We want to support your family in your sacred obligation of making Mass a vital part of your Faith life! Starting 9/24-9/25, Children's Liturgy of the Word will be available every weekend (except certain holidays and holy Feast days) at Saturday 5pm, Sunday 10am & 12pm Masses. After the opening prayer, catechists lead the children to a separate space to engage in the readings, a homily, and pray. They return to their parents in Mass at the collection time. We received great feedback when Faith Formation families experienced Children's Liturgy of the Word during Lent 2022, so we are excited to expand this new part of Faith Formation!

An email sign-up will go out and every family will sign up for one Mass every 4 weeks (approximately). Once we are all more familiar with the process & routine, it may be possible to sign up for Children's Liturgy more often. From the end of September to June, every family will have signed up for Children's Liturgy at least 8 times. We have created a space downstairs in Church so that weather will not be an issue. Your family should still be going to Mass every weekend, even if it's not a Mass that you're participating in Children's Liturgy!

In order to make sure that everything can go as smoothly as possible in this new endeavor, we will only start the year with Sign Ups for Mass #1 and #2, in case any adjustments are needed. However, here is an overview of the breakdown for the year:

- Mass #1: Sept. 24-25 through Oct. 15-16
- Mass #2: Oct. 22-23 through Nov. 12-13
- Mass #3: Nov. 19-20 through Dec. 17-18 (Except Nov. 26-27)
- Mass #4: Jan. 7-8 through Jan. 28-29
- Mass #5: Feb. 4-5 through Feb. 25-26
- Mass #6: Mar. 4-5 through Mar. 25-26
- Mass #7: Apr. 15-16 through May 13-14
- Mass #8: May 20-21 through Jun. 17-18

**2 - Monthly Sessions.** The following calendar includes Family Sessions (children stay with parents), Children Only Sessions, & Parent Speakers. *Sign-Up Emails will go out a couple weeks before each event.* Optional/Additional parish events will be promoted throughout the year (i.e. Storytime w/ Fr. John, Advent Wreath Making, etc).

*1<sup>st</sup> Communion – Please see 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Calendar for the additional Sacrament Preparation Sessions.*

We will use our **Email Notification system** to inform you of reminders & updates.  
Please be sure to let us know should any contact info change during the year.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 @ 11:15am – OUTDOOR MASS**

- BYO Chairs!
- Book/Packet pick up after Mass (Families will receive additional instructions about HW via email)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 – FAMILY SESSION (GYM & CAF)**

- You will be able to go to Mass before or after any session:
  - 9-9:45am
  - 11:15-12pm
- Limited in Cafeteria: Tuesday, October 18 @ 6-6:45pm

**NOVEMBER: Parent Speaker TBA (will also be livestreamed)**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 – CHILDREN SESSION (GYM, CAF, YOUTH ROOM)**

- Children will be divided up into groups. You will be able to attend Mass after your session:
  - 8:30-9:45am
  - 10:30-11:45am
- Limited in Cafeteria & Youth Room: Tuesday, December 6 @ 4:30-5:45pm

**JANUARY 8 – FAMILY SESSION (GYM & CAF)**

- You will be able to go to Mass before or after any session:
  - 9-9:45am
  - 11:15-12pm
- Limited in Cafeteria: Tuesday, January 10 @ 6-6:45pm

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – FAMILY SESSION (GYM & CAF)**

- You will be able to go to Mass before or after any session:
  - 9-9:45am
  - 11:15-12pm
- Limited in Cafeteria: Tuesday, February 7 @ 6-6:45pm

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 @ 6PM – PALM BURNING (optional)**

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT @ 7PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS (AND FISH FRY)**

- Come any Friday during Lent to pray the Stations of the Cross
- Recommended Dates:
  - March 17 – Bilingual Family Stations of the Cross (Family friendly powerpoint & reflections booklet)
  - March 24 – Shadow Stations of the Cross led by Faith Formation Middle Schoolers
  - April 7 – Good Friday Youth Group Living Stations of the Cross

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30 – CHILDREN SESSION**

- Children will be divided up into groups. You will be able to attend Mass after your session:
  - 8:30-9:45am
  - 10:30-11:45am
- Limited in Cafeteria & Youth Room: Tuesday, May 2 @ 4:30-5:45pm

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 @ 6:30pm – PRINCE OF EGYPT MOVIE NIGHT (GYM)**

- Moms are invited to attend the Mother's Day Tribute in Church