

Saint Lawrence Parish Faith Formation Program

"The futures of the world and of the Church pass by way of the family." St. John Paul II

Parents are the first and foremost educators of their children. The St. Lawrence Faith Formation Program seeks to assist, encourage, and empower parents in this venerable responsibility bestowed on them. In particular, our primary goal is to provide a religious education framework that will complement the Catholic Christian formation already being fostered in the family life of the home and experienced in the liturgical celebration of the Mass. Our curriculum is designed to support, enhance, and develop the spiritual, intellectual, and moral formation of both parents and their children.

Tuesday Afternoon Program Requirements:

- Grades 1-5
- Classes meet on Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM
- Regular Mass attendance
- Signed Participation Covenant

Sunday Evening Program Requirements (including Grades 8-10 Confirmation Prep):

- Grades 6-10
- Classes meet on Sundays, generally every other week, 6:00-7:30 PM
- Regular Mass attendance
- Signed Participation Covenant

Sunday Morning Family Program Requirements (including Grade 8 Confirmation Prep):

- Grades 1-8
- Classes meet on Sundays, 9:00-10:15 AM (between the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses). Classes DO NOT meet the last Sunday of each month (and generally not during school vacations, etc.).
- **During the child's class time, at least one parent/guardian/grandparent must attend the Parent Group as this program is offered as our "Family" formation program. This is an informal supportive group dedicated to helping parents deepen their own faith in order to model a life of faith for their children.**
- Regular Mass attendance
- Signed Participation covenant

At-Home Family Program Requirements:

- **PARENTAL responsibility as PRIMARY EDUCATOR**
- **Must have attended one year in parish program prior to enrolling**
- Grades 1-7
- First year 'probation' to ensure effectiveness/quality of program
- Regular Mass attendance
- Signed Participation Covenant
- Must attend all Sacramental Prep meetings, classes, retreats, and rehearsals at the parish
- Must submit completed student assessments/unit reviews at close of year
- Must attend Fall Opening Meeting and Spring Closing Meeting
- Assessment Criteria: review of student texts/assessments, knowledge of Catholic prayer appropriate to age (Liturgy of the Mass, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition)