



Saint Lawrence Faith Formation Program Options and Curriculums

Grades 1 – 5

Option I. Sunday Morning Family Program: Classes meet on Sundays, ~September-April, 9:00-10:15 AM (between the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses). **One parent, guardian, or grandparent must attend the Parent Group offered at the same time as this is our “Family” program offering.** Classes DO NOT meet the last Sunday of each month.

Curriculum: Ignatius Press *Faith and Life Series*

Option II. Tuesday Afternoon Program: Classes meet on Tuesdays, ~September-April, 4:00-5:00 PM. Class sizes limited to ~12 students to ensure manageability.

Curriculum: Ignatius Press *Faith and Life Series*

Option III. At-Home Family Faith Formation Program: September-May, independent home-education curriculum using parish-provided texts/assessments. Required attendance at Fall Opening Meeting and Spring Closing Meeting. Must have completed one year in parish program prior to enrolling.

Curriculum: RCL-Benziger *Faith First At Home*

Grades 6 – 8

Option I. Sunday Morning Family Program: see details above

Grade 6 Curriculum: Ignatius Press *Faith and Life Series*

Grades 7/8 Curriculum: Ascension Press *Chosen/RCL Benziger Confirmation*

Option II. Sunday Evening Program: Classes meet ~two Sundays per month, 6:00-7:30 PM.

Grade 6 Curriculum: Ignatius Press *Faith and Life Series*

Grades 7/8 Curriculum: Ascension Press *Chosen/RCL Benziger Confirmation*

Option III. ‘Home’ Family Faith Formation Program: see details above

Grade 6/7 Curriculum: RCL-Benziger: *Faith First At Home*

Grade 8 Curriculum: Grade 8 students enroll in either Sunday Morning Family Program or Sunday Evening Program – see details above.

Grades 9-10

Option 1. Sunday Evening Program: see details above (same exact schedule as Grades 6-8)

Curriculum: RCL Benziger: Confirmation

Additional Faith Formation Opportunities for Grades 9-12:

(These do not take the place of Confirmation prep.)

ROCK & Vine: (Contact Maggie Tipping at stlawrence_religious_ed@myfairpoint.net for more information.)

Sunday Morning Youth Bible Study: Same time/schedule as Sunday Morning Family Program. All students in grades 9-12 are invited. Relaxed Bible study focusing on how God’s word fits into your life! Coffee and tea provided. Bring a Bible or borrow one here. No fees or attendance requirements.

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path. Psalm 119:105

Youth Ministry: (Contact Mike Mazzaglia at stlawrence_youth_ministry@myfairpoint.net for more information.)

Dear young people do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!

-Pope Francis

Sacramental Preparation for 2018-19

Occurs “*in addition to*” our regular faith formation programs. Sacramental preparation is a joint effort of parent, child, and catechist. All sacramental preparation, **EXCEPT GRADE 3 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**, occurs within the regularly scheduled parish-based faith formation classes.

Grade 3 Confirmation preparation will utilize a format of joint Parent/Child sessions (3 parish sessions per year on either Sunday mornings OR Tuesday afternoons). Three lessons will be taught by a catechist at the parish and the remaining lessons will be taught by a parent at home (using parish-provided workbooks) as part of a family-based model *in addition to* regularly scheduled grade 3 faith formation classes.

For children enrolled in *Catholic school* or in the *At-Home Family Faith Formation Program*, the following preparation is *in addition to* the requirements set forth in those school/program guidelines (day preference pending availability):

First Reconciliation:

2nd Grade: Seven weeks in Spring (Sun 9-10:15am OR Tue 4-5pm)

3rd Grade (if not already completed): Six weeks in Fall (Sun 9-10:15am OR Tue 4-5pm)

4th Grade: Six weeks in fall (Sun 9-10:15am OR Tue 4-5pm)

Confirmation:

3rd Grade: Parent/Child Group Meetings (3 per year) (Sun 9-10:20am or Tue 4-5:30pm)

4th Grade: Six weeks in Spring (Sun 9-10:15am or Tue 4-5pm)

8th Grade: Full year preparation in parish-based classes (see program options above)

9th and 10th Grade: Full year preparation in parish-based classes (see program option above)

Retreats (short sessions designed to reinforce and solidify sacramental understanding in an engaging way) are also included as part of Confirmation preparation.

(Note: Children in grades 5, 6, and 7 will NOT be confirmed this year. Students in Grades 5, 6, and 7 this year, are scheduled to receive Confirmation during the 2019-20 year. Please contact Maggie Tipping at 603-497-4093 or stlawrence_religious_ed@myfairpoint.net with any questions about sacramental preparation for your child).