

Faith Formation Programs

Religious Education Grades PK-12

This portion of our program is offered for our elementary, middle, and high school aged students. Instruction at this level is threefold: 1) Regular mass attendance, 2) Classroom lessons, and 3) Parental modeling, support, and review at home.

We will be using Our Sunday Visitor's new textbook series for grades 1-5. Our PreK/K program will be using a variety of teaching tools. Our middle school and high school students will be using St. Mary's Press textbooks for this year of Sacramental preparation.

Levels PK-6 meet on Sunday mornings from 9:05am to 10:20am, between the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses. Confirmation Year 2 for Middle School meets two Tuesdays a month from 6-7:30 pm, and one Sunday a month from 9:05-10:20 am. Confirmation Year 2 for High School students meet two Mondays a month from 6:30-7:30 pm, as well as one Sunday a month from 9:05-10:20am. Occasionally the Confirmation classes meet on the opposite days to combine the class.

It is our expectation that students will faithfully attend each level as part of their religious education. Students need to experience continuity in their formation so as to be prepared for sacramental preparation.

Sacramental preparation is a two-year process. According to Archdiocese policy, all students must faithfully participate in formal religious education classes the year prior to and the year of preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Confirmation takes place in even numbered years at St. Hugh. We are currently entering Year 2 of preparation. Only students who were in Year 1 may enter Year 2. For those just entering and are in Middle School (Grades 7-8) you will join our MS class on Tuesday evenings and one Sunday a month. If in HS (Grades 9-12) you will join our HS class on Monday evenings and one Sunday a month. This only applies to those in a program last year. If you were not registered then please contact the office to see what will work best for your family.

A change to the program is to offer multi-generational catechesis. One Sunday a month class will be taught to the entire program in the church. This will be led by the Coordinator, assisted by the catechists and aides. On the even numbered months, parents are a part of the catechesis process and are encouraged to attend class with their child. Parents are the first catechists, and this is beneficial to all involved.

Thursdays@7

This is a BRAND NEW program meant for teens and young adults who are Confirmed (those preparing for Confirmation may also attend). We will offer a couple of sessions offered throughout the year, we will watch a movie, and discuss it and use it as a catechetical aid to teach about faith, morals, and to live how Jesus did. We will begin with some time for socializing, watch about 1/2 of the movie and then discuss it. Each movie will be 2-3 sessions depending on discussion of the group.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Christ said, "Let the little children come to Me." We are answering that calling through the Children's Liturgy of the Word. We will offer this program during the 10:30am Sun. Mass, twice a month on Sundays, when RE is in session. Following opening prayer, the younger members of the parish, ages 3-7, are invited to journey into the Word. This program offers them the opportunity to hear the Word of the Lord in a more familiar language and talk about what it means to them. The children rejoin their families to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Youth Ministry Program

We meet once a month on Tues. for discussions, prayer, and to plan gym nights, movie nights, and other activities for the youth of parish. This program is open to all young adults in grades 7-12. We plan to discuss different issues that the students are interested in. In addition to our meetings, we will serve the parish and community and plan group events. In this program, the teens will continue to help set the goals and tone of the program. There is also one Open Gym night scheduled each month.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults & Adult Sacramental Preparation

RCIA is a program that teaches the core of the Catholic faith to all who are interested. It is a spiritual process of prayer, teachings, discussion, and involvement in the life of the faith community, which could lead one to being baptized, received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, or completing their initiation through the sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about this process, contact the office. If you have received all of your Sacraments, but wish to learn more about your faith, you are welcome to attend.

*If an unbaptized child in grade 3 or older wishes to receive Sacraments we will work with the family to find a program that suits their needs. One option might be traditional Religious Education, while another is RCIA adapted for children.

Bible Study

If there is interest a Bible study may be started, please contact the office if you are interested in joining one or helping to lead one.

Parent Education Nights & Sunday Family Lessons (one Sunday a month, on the even months)

We hope to have 1-2 of these during the year; we will use the information from the registration forms to schedule and choose the topics. On the even numbered months, we will have one Sunday that is a family lesson that parents/guardians are invited to participate in class with the student. We will have the entire program in church with all kids and adults and work on a multi-generational lesson.

Vacation Bible School

We had a wonderful program in the summer of 2015 and hope to again in the summer of 2017. This is a FUN summer program for the children to learn more about the Bible, and socialize with their friends.

SPRED

Special Religious Development SPRED prepares those with special needs for Liturgical life. We will be hosting the 17-21 age group at St. Hugh. If you need information about other age groups, please contact the office.