

Mission for the Faith Formation Program

Our goal of the Faith Formation Program at St. Charles is that each child will continue to deepen their personal relationship with God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Additionally to grow in knowledge and understanding of the Church through prayer, an active faith life, and through faith development and education. We use material that is scripture based and includes the teachings of the Catholic Church, Prayers, Saints, Mary, Feasts, Liturgical Year, Devotions, and many other Catholic Practices. And finally, we are constantly trying to weave the experience of the family to the experience of the community at large so that we may all grow as a family in faith.



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Faith Formation

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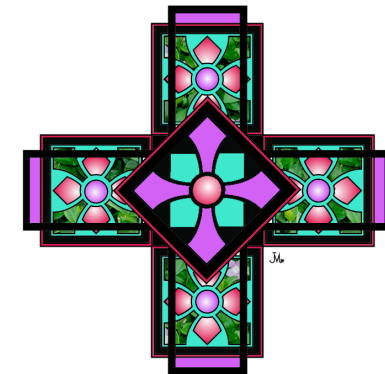
Pre-School, Faith Formation K-6th
& Youth Ministry 7th-12th Grade

Sacraments

(First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation &
Christian Initiation for Children/Teens)

Programs

2020-2021



The journey of faith is a
gift to nurture, share and
celebrate

Pre-School/TK, Faith Formation K-3, Beacon Gr.4-5, Blaze Gr.6, Ignite Gr. 7-8 & High School 9-12 Youth Ministry Program

Pre-School/TK (Tiny Treasures) Program:

It will be for children from ages 3, 4 or pre-Kindergarten 5 year old. The Program focuses on the theme that "Each child is a special creation of a loving God". Children must be 3 by September 2 of the current school year and not yet in Kindergarten.

Faith Formation K-3:

Our goal in The Faith Formation Program at St. Charles is to help each child deepen their personal relationship with God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit within the context of their family and the parish community. To accomplish this goal, we provide opportunities for the children to grow in knowledge and understanding of the Church in four ways: prayer, application of faith to daily life, service, and education. Using resources that are based in scripture, we teach Catholic Traditions such as saints, Mary, liturgical seasons and feasts, devotions, and other Catholic practices.

BEACON Grade 4-5 & BLAZE Grade 6:

Youth group program includes catechesis, scripture, prayer, music, service project, games and social time.

BEACON is the program offered to 4th and 5th Graders.

BLAZE is the program offered to 6th Graders.

IGNITE Youth Ministry Grade 7-8:

Our IGNITE Youth Ministry is for youth in grades 7 and 8. Here we seek to grow our faith and deepen our relationship with Christ by fellowship and prayer. Being able to talk about our faith and share it with each other will be one of our main goals in this group. There will be plenty of discussions on our Church teachings, as well as discussions on the Bible.

High School Youth Ministry 9-12:

For all youth in high school, this group centers on fellowship and prayer as well. One of the hardest things for teenagers to do today is to be able to express their faith. Through ice breakers, discussions, activities and prayer, we will be focusing on sharing our faith with each other so it becomes easier to be able to express our faith.

SACRAMENTS INFORMATION

Our **First Eucharist (Communion)** preparation is a two-year process. Children in grade two or higher who have had one year of Faith Formation and have been baptized, will be preparing and celebrating the sacrament during their second year of faith formation — **Reconciliation (confession) during Lent and First Eucharist in May**. It is required that parents attend meetings during the preparation for the participating in the child's process. Plus they will work on material at home as a family. The calendar of Sacraments will be available during the Sacraments Orientation. It is also required that a child along with their family attends mass regularly.

Our teen preparation program for **Confirmation** aims at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life (CCC 1309). It is a process of transformation calling the candidate to Christian maturity. To promote and encourage this transformation, the program is at the least two years and is broken down into two parts, Confirmation 1 and Confirmation 2. Confirmation 1 is focused on the candidate's relationship with Christ and the Church. Is having a relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church a priority and desire of the candidate? Confirmation 2 is focused on the candidate's willingness and commitment towards our baptismal call. Is the candidate able and willing to live their life as a true witness of Christ, spreading and defending the faith by word and deed? Confirmation 1 and Confirmation 2 will have requirements that are to be met for the year to be applicable. Some requirements include: attending retreats, weekly Mass attendance and participation, service projects, etc. It is all aimed at preparing the candidate to be able to live their lives as mature Christians.

Christian Initiation for Children and Teens (CICT)

This is a special family centered preparation process for children and teens in grades 3 to 12 who have not received Baptism and/or First Eucharist. This is a two year program.

Registration Information

Registrations for Pre-School thru 12th grade including Sacraments, (First Eucharist, First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Christian Initiation for Children / Teen) will start August 16th to September 20th.

Our Faith Formation format for 2020-2021 is still undetermined and could include virtual classes, a modified classroom setting or both. Class days and times have yet to be finalized.

You can go to St. Charles website www.stcharleslivermore.org or [Flocknotes](#) to register for all classes and Sacraments.

Classes will start out with on-line course. Due to the hardship that COVID has brought to some families, scholarship are available upon request.

If you have any questions you can contact Carmela in the Faith Formation Office at carmela@stcharlesborromeo.org or call 925-447-4549 x115

Anything after October 01, 2020 will be considered late registration and there will be a fee increase of \$25.

Requirements for registration:

- **Registration** completed
- Signed **Diocesan Parental Permission slip** completed (both sides).
- **Payment:** Online or Check made out to St. Charles Borromeo. (Memo - Faith Formation or Youth Ministry). We do accept Credit card.
- **Copy of baptismal certificate if your child is preparing for First Eucharist or Confirmation 2 this school year.**
- **A parish registration form completed, if you are not registered with the parish yet.**

