

Faith Formation General Course Outline for Program Year (PY) 2026-2027

FAMILY & CHURCH COURSE

The Archdiocese encourages all parishes to provide a structured course of study that combines the efforts of parents and the Faith Formation program. There are scheduled class times for each grade, along with weekly lessons. The ideal model of religious education is one which has its focus on the Eucharist, which is the center, source and summit of our faith! Everything we do should lead to union with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whose sacrificial love guides us to a life of holiness! **Therefore, *all class sessions include attendance at Mass. See the schedule of classes for more detailed information.***

KINDERGARTEN

Students in Kindergarten meet according to the Class Schedule with “Time with Jesus” lessons to complete at home with their families. This is a special time to bring faith alive to our young children as they learn their prayers and open their hearts to God’s goodness. Students will complete weekly assignments and bring them to Mass on designated dates. There will be a parent meeting to receive further details.

GRADES 1 and 2 - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Students are required to successfully complete Grade 1 in order to prepare for the Grade 2 Sacramental Preparation Class. Students and families take part in our “Mass is Class” format, with families attending weekly Mass together. It is only through participation at Mass that children understand the meaning of receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. It is at Mass that we hear the Good News of Christ’s love and receive Him into our hearts in the Holy Eucharist.

GRADES 3 - 6

Students in Grades 3 through 6 will meet according to the Class Schedule. Opportunities will be provided for the students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, take part in a special project for their grade level, and complete weekly assignments. Textbooks with the syllabus for the year is provided. Unit Reviews are submitted by students on scheduled due dates throughout the year. Details will be given to all students at their first class session.

GRADES 7 -8 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (Beginning with the 2026-27 PY)

Students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation begin their studies in Grade 7 and continue in Grade 8 in order to complete the required 2-year Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation. Confirmation ceremony is scheduled by the Archdiocese and is typically held in the Spring of 8th grade or the Fall of 9th grade. These grade levels include additional activities, retreats, liturgical events, and service opportunities. . More information will be given to parents about the particulars.

GRADE 9 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (2026-27 ONLY)

This is the final year in which a Grade 9 will be held, as the Archdiocese has moved to 8th Grade Confirmation. Students in this year's class are scheduled to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring of 2027. This grade level includes additional activities, retreats, liturgical events, and service opportunities. More information will be given to parents about the particulars.