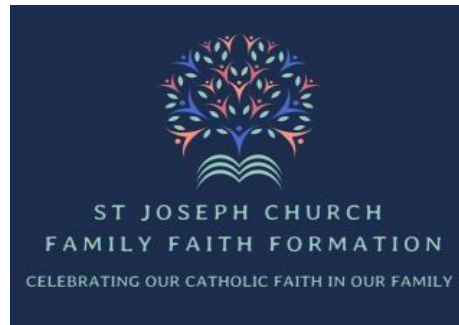




St. Joseph Church Welcome Letter

St. Joseph Mission Statement

“We are a community of faith committed to living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Centered in the Eucharist and inspired by St. Francis of Assisi we build up the reign of God through prayer, education, worship and Christian fellowship. As stewards of God’s love, we strive to share our gifts and talents for the service of God and all His People “

Dear Families,

The St. Joseph Parish Family welcomes you and your children into our Family Faith Formation Program for Grades K-8! We are excited for a new year and can’t wait to share the gospel with you and your family! Below you will find all information needed to enroll your child/children in our program. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have.

Family Faith Formation (K-5)

We meet together as a family one Sunday every month throughout the year from 3:30-5:30pm. Using Word of Life curriculum, along with Formed programming, the time that we meet is structured around family time. We come together to “break bread” by having a meal together for the first hour and then the kids meet by grade level and the parents come together as a group to metaphorically “break bread” by diving into the Word of God. While the children are with their catechists, the parents also are able to deepen their understanding of the faith by working with adult mentors.

On the weeks that we don’t meet as a group, parents follow the Word of Life Curriculum throughout the rest of the month, working with their children for about 20 minutes, 1-2 times a week. And while that is very important, the Eucharist is the Source and Summit of all we do, so Mass attendance is where the most fruit will be harvested. Your weekly Sunday Mass attendance is where your children will become the most rooted in their faith.

Edge (6-8)

Our Edge group for grades 6-8 meet two times a month, every other Friday from 7-8:30pm. The first Friday is structured around preparing for Confirmation. The Archdiocese is in the process of moving towards 8th Grade Confirmation, but this is happening slowly over a matter of years. The second Friday will be a youth group model where we will use a Lifeteen/Edge format to present the truths of our faith in a fun, community building way!

Lifeteen/ Confirmation (9th grade and up)

Lifeteen meets every Sunday evening from 7pm-8:45pm. Lifeteen is fun, uplifting and community building. While twice a month we prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the other Sundays are used to share the faith through games, moving proclamation of the Word, prayer, worship, small groups and teambuilding and sharing the Works of Mercy with each other and our outside community. (There is a separate registration form and letter with additional information for this group)

We are so glad you are choosing to be a part of our faith community here at St. Joseph and look forward to welcoming you in the fall!

Respectfully Yours,
SJC Faith Formation Coordinator
Lindsay Rodgers

*****Please find registration form below****

Family Name: _____

By registering your child **online**, you have read and agreed to the St. Joseph Church Faith Formation Handbook 2026-27 and agreed to the following payment.

Please also note that registration is not completed until you have registered through the **online platform** and payment has been received. Attach this form with your payment please.

Cost Per Family for children in grades K-8

1 Child \$125 _____ 2 children \$175 _____ 3 or more children \$200 _____

****Please note that there is a separate cost for Lifeteen/Confirmation****

Payment is due by **September 4, 2026** and can be mailed or dropped off to the parish office

Make checks payable to: St Joseph Church (in memo FFF/Edge)

Mail checks to: 31 Oak St Winsted, CT 06098 attention Lindsay Rodgers

Questions

1. Is your family registered parishioners at St. Joseph Parish? Yes/No/Not Sure
Are you a Parishioner in another Parish? Yes/No
Name of Parish you are registered with: _____
2. What brought you to St Joseph's Family Faith Formation?
3. Are your children in need of Sacraments? Baptism ____ First Holy Communion ____
4. Can your Family volunteer to help cook/prep one meal for FFF _____

Parent /Guardian Signature _____

Thank you for taking the time to prayerfully consider all of the above information, we look forward to seeing you at our first meeting. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 860-379-3369 x 6 or on my cell at (860)309-7902