

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.



The Catholic Community of
St. Charles Borromeo

Margaret Riley
Director of Faith Formation K-3, Pre-School
(925) 447-4549 ext. 116
margaret@stcharlesborromeo.org

Ed Quindipan
Middle School 4-6 Coordinator
Ed@stcharlesborromeo.org

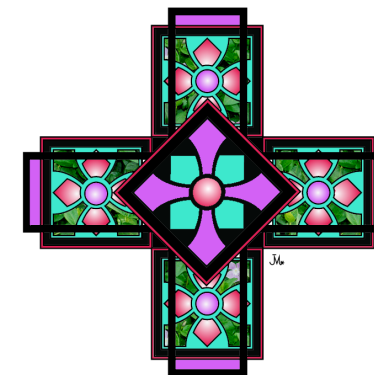
Antony Ta
Director of Youth Ministry 7-12
(925) 447-4549 ext. 117
Tony@stcharlesborromeo.org

1315 Lomas Ave.
Livermore, CA. 94550
Fax: (925) 373-7088

The Catholic Community of
St. Charles Borromeo

Pre-School, Faith Formation K-3
Intergenerational Faith Communities (IFC)
Middle School 4-6, Junior High 7-8,
& High School 9-12 Youth Ministry

Sacraments
(First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation)
Programs
2018-2019



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

**Pre-School/TK, Faith Formation K-3,
Intergenerational Faith Communities ,
Middle School 4-6, Junior High School 7-8 &
High School 9-12 Youth Ministry Weekly Program**

**Pre-School/TK (Tiny Treasures) Program:
Begins September 16, 2018.**

It is held every Sunday during the 9:30AM mass. 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:
Begins the week of September 25-26, 2018.**

There are three choices: Tuesday afternoons from 3:45 PM until 5:00 PM, Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 PM until 4:45 PM or Wednesday nights from 7:00 PM until 8:15 PM (for 2-3 only). This will be based on a first come, first serve basis, with the enrollment of no more than 12 children in each class. During the first week, we want one parent to attend with their child for an opening/welcoming / information gathering. The Faith Formation program continues through the second week of May. Please note there is a fee increase for those who register after September 24, 2018.

**Middle School Faith Formation 4-6:
Begins September 26, 2017.**

We meet every Wednesday night (except holidays) from 7:00PM to 8:15PM. This program will move from the classroom to a program that will prepare our youth for the changes and challenges that will come in middle school; thus this will be for those in grades 4-6. With the Bible and Christ as our guides, we'll explore readings, have discussions, and partake in activities. It is the goal to reflect and grow in faith individually and as part of our greater community, while encouraging group discussion and involvement so that they are comfortable with their faith. To strengthen our faith journey with Christ, activities may involve field trips, service projects, retreats, and partnering with the Junior High School Youth Ministry.

**Intergenerational Faith Communities (IFC):
(We do not recommend this program for families whose children are receiving First Eucharist this year).**

What Do We Do?

Families gather twice a month in one another's homes to learn more about the Catholic faith, to apply faith to everyday experiences, and to enjoy time together. The gatherings feature community building, family prayer/ritual, activities & fun! Families learn to apply scripture to their daily lives.

Family groups do service projects together to learn the importance of ministering to those who are less fortunate. Intergenerational faith formation programs (adults & children together) include 4-6 families who form a small Christian community. Materials are provided for each family to use at home to explore faith-based topics and prepare for upcoming gatherings. In addition, families share the role of facilitating and hosting gatherings. Family members of all ages are involved in the process.

**Junior High School Youth Ministry 7-8:
Begins September 26, 2017.**

Our Junior High School Youth Ministry is for youth in grades 7 and 8. We meet every Wednesday (except holidays), from 7:00pm-8:15pm. 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:
Begins September 24, 2018.**

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. Our High School Youth Ministry will meet Monday nights (except holidays), from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

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 **Confirmation** program is a process that takes at the least 2 years. It is broken down into two parts, Confirmation 1 and Confirmation 2. Each part is about a year with requirements that are to be met for the year to be applicable. These requirements are to call the candidate to a deeper relationship with Christ and the Catholic Church. Classes/gatherings, retreats, interviews, reflections, and service projects are some examples that the candidate will participate in during the program. Classes meet two times each month and focus on learning and understanding the call of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation 1 & Confirmation 2—TBA

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 or Reconciliation. Along with each child being enrolled in Faith Formation they will also meet on Sundays to reflect on the Scripture readings of that Sunday. Each family in this program will have an interview. This is a two year program.

Registration Information

Registration Form(s) can be turned in at the Faith Formation Office or FF mailbox slot, Youth Ministry Office, or you can drop it in the basket during Mass collection. Also on **June 2 & 3** and **August 25 & 26** we will be available during all masses. Otherwise you can mail it to St. Charles: attention Faith Formation. *Anything after September 30, 2018 will be considered late registration and there will be a fee increase of \$25.*

Please bring with you to the registration:

- **Registration form** completed, Volunteer form. All families must volunteer for one thing in order to make the program a success. Thank You!
- **Diocesan Parental Permission slip** completed (both sides).
- 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.**

We have a wonderful group of people willing to teach again and we are in need a few more catechists (for Faith Formation K-3). If you are interested, please let us know. We are very excited for a wonderful year ahead. God's choicest blessing to each of you. **Sign up early because we prefer 12 children to a class (for K-3), so please sign up early if you want a particular day and time.**

