

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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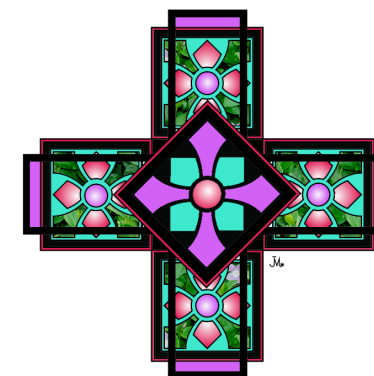
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Pre-School, Faith Formation K-3
Beacon Gr.4-5, Blaze Gr.6,
Ignite Gr.7-8,
& High School 9-12 Youth Ministry
Sacraments
(First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation)
Programs
2019-2020



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 Weekly Program**

**Pre-School/TK (Tiny Treasures) Program:
Begins September 15, 2019.**

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 17-18, 2019.**

There are three choices: Tuesday afternoons from 3:45PM until 5:00PM, Wednesday afternoons from 3:30PM until 4:45PM or Wednesday nights from 7:00PM until 8:15PM (for Grades 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 October 1, 2019.

**BEACON Grade 4-5 & BLAZE Grade 6:
Begins September 17-18, 2019.**

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

BEACON is the program offered to 4th and 5th Graders. They meet every Tuesday Afternoon from 3:45PM to 5:00PM OR Wednesday night (except holidays) from 7:00PM to 8:15PM.

BLAZE is the program offered to 6th Graders. They meet every Tuesday Afternoon from 3:45PM to 5:00PM OR Wednesday night (except holidays) from 7:00PM to 8:15PM.

**IGNITE Youth Ministry Grade 7-8:
Begins September 18, 2019.**

Our IGNITE 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 22, 2019.**

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 Sunday mornings from 10:00am-11:15am.

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.

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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 mailbox slot, Youth Ministry Office, or you can drop it in the basket during Mass collection. Also on **June 1 & 2** and **August 24 & 25** we will be available during all masses. Otherwise you can mail it to St. Charles: attention Faith Formation. *Anything after October 1, 2019 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.**

