

Faith Formation Weekly Update

September 7, 2023

Faith Formation 2023-2024



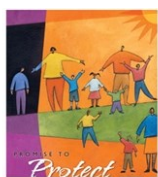
Faith Formation sessions for Children (grades K4-5) and Youth (grades 6-10) begin next week of September 17. Be sure to review the drop-off information for Child and Youth sessions that was sent via email. Teens in grades 6-10 should report directly to the Community Room (Sunday) or Parish Hall (Monday) with their parents on the first day.

Confirmation Updates

Confirmation small groups will begin meeting this weekend. All candidates should know who their leaders are and have their small group schedule for the year. Please be sure to make attendance at small group a priority, and contact Julie Dennert at jdennert@ccwauk.org if you have a conflict and need to attend an alternate session.



Safe Environment Education



In accordance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, all Faith Formation children in grades K4-5 will be covering the *Circle of Grace* curriculum during the first week of Faith Formation sessions. Annual presentation of this curriculum is required by the Archdiocese and is part of our Safe Environment compliance. If you have any questions about the *Circle of Grace* curriculum, please contact Dawn Van Dorf at 262-922-9285 ext. 2303.

Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards

Kwik Trip car wash cards are available for purchase in the St. Mary Parish Office. Each card is good for 5 "ultimate" car washes and costs \$36, which is a savings of \$14 for the purchaser, and \$16 of each purchase goes directly to our youth mission fund. Please consider helping to rebuild our mission fund and support our annual youth mission trips with the purchase of a car wash card!



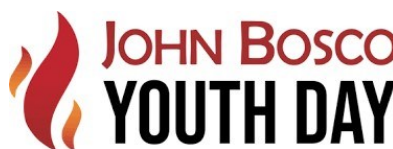
First Sacraments

Registration information for First Sacraments has been sent via email and mail to all parents with 2nd grade children enrolled in Faith Formation and Waukesha Catholic. Please complete the [online registration](#) as soon as possible, and mark your calendar for one of our first Parent-Child sessions on October 3 or October 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at St. Mary.



Registration for First Sacraments is separate from registration for Faith Formation and Catholic School.

If you have a child older than second grade who is in need of First Sacraments, please contact Erin Erickson, director of Faith Formation, at 262-922-9285 ext. 2301.



Retreat Opportunity

The first retreat opportunity for Faith Formation students in grades 6-10 takes place on Saturday, September 30, at Holy Hill. John Bosco Youth Day is an annual outdoor event for teens and their families. To attend this retreat opportunity, please visit the [Arise Milwaukee website](#) and register to attend. We will not be providing transportation or chaperones to this event, so parents will need to attend with their teen. After you have attended this event, please contact the Youth Ministry office so we can record your retreat requirement for the year.

Lobby Parents Needed

Safe Environment certified adults are needed to monitor our lobbies during Faith Formation sessions. Please visit [SignUpGenius](#) or scan the QR code to select a week to help. The safety of the children and teens in our program is a priority, and lobby parents play an important role in keeping our buildings secure during our formation sessions.



Weekly Scripture Reflection

Today is the twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. In Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus says, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Jesus keeps his promises, so when he tells us he will be with us, we can depend on him. As his followers, we should try our best to be with others too, especially those in need. Is there someone you know who needs Jesus' help? Maybe they are sad, sick, lonely, or even angry. Find a friend or family member and invite them to pray for this person with you. Pray together in Jesus' name and remember that Jesus is there with you. ***Jesus, be with us as we pray for others.***

