

# Faith Formation Weekly Update

## September 14, 2023

### Faith Formation 2023-2024

**Welcome** Faith Formation sessions for Children (grades K4-5) and Youth (grades 6-10) meet for the first time on September 17/18. 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

All candidates should have turned in their Sponsor Information Form at this time. If you have not yet selected a sponsor, please do so this week and have them complete and return the form as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your form, you can find it [on our website](#) under "Material for Candidates."



### 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!

### 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.



### Catechetical Weekend

This weekend is Catechetical Weekend, which allows parishes to recognize and thank those who give generously of their time and gifts in the work of catechesis. Please join the Formation Team and our families in thanking and praying for all catechists and small group leaders who devote their energy to sharing the faith with the young people of our parishes. A blessing will be offered to our catechists at the following Masses this weekend:



- St. William—Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:30 a.m.
- St. Mary—Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
- St. John Neumann—Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

### 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](#) no later than September 25, 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.

### Tiny Tot Time

Tiny Tot Time returns this fall on Thursday, September 21. Children ages 2-5 are invited to join us with a parent or grandparent for an hour of stories and crafts in the Community Room at St. Mary at 9:30 a.m.



### JOHN BOSCO Retreat Opportunity YOUTH DAY

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. If you choose to attend this event, please contact the Youth Ministry office so we can record your retreat requirement for the year.

### Weekly Scripture Reflection

Today is the twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time and Jesus tells us in Matthew's Gospel 18:21-35, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Jesus knows that we sometimes sin over and over again. But he doesn't give us only one chance because he wants us to keep coming back to God over and over. We can keep asking for forgiveness and trying to do better. Jesus wants us to treat others the same way too. **Lord Jesus, help me forgive like you do.**

