

Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry program at St. Mark the Evangelist is designed to support all families with children from age 3 through 5th grade in passing on our Catholic faith and in preparing their children to celebrate the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation for the first time. Children's Ministry provides Faith Formation for Preschool, Elementary and Special Needs children within our parish community.

Families are asked

- to register their children for Faith Formation,
- to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist as a family,
- to participate in our Parish Events,
- to share their faith at home.

It is through a blending of classroom, family and whole community activities that the richness of our Catholic faith is shared and passed on to our children.

Children's Ministry and Sacramental Preparation

Participation in Children's Ministry allows children to begin the initial preparation for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation.

Preparation for each of these sacraments is a 2-year process and it is during the 2nd year (usually 2nd or 3rd grade) that the child begins the specific Sacrament training and celebrates First Eucharist or First Reconciliation.

DATES FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2009-10 YEAR

*Please see Sacramental Registration Forms
for more information and times for workshops.*



First Reconciliation (all dates are 2009)

Begins in September 2009 for children in Grades 2-4 who have completed at least 1 year of initial Faith Formation and are currently attending Children's Ministry.

Requires special registration by September 14, 2009.

Parent-Child Workshop #1
Sunday, September 20

Commitment Weekend
September 26 & 27 at all Masses

Parent-Child Workshop #2
Saturday, October 10

Parent-Child Interview
Nov. 1-Dec. 3, call to schedule appointment

Celebration of First Reconciliation
Saturday, December 12 (*time tba*)



First Eucharist (all dates are 2010)

begins in January 2009 for children in Grades 2-4 who have completed at least 1 year of initial Faith Formation, celebrated First Reconciliation in Fall 2009 & currently registered in Children's Ministry.

Requires special registration by January 10, 2010.

Parent-Child Day Workshop
Saturday, January 16 or January 30

Commitment Weekend
January 30 & 31 at all Masses

Mass Workshop
Saturday, February 27

Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 1

Mini-Retreat
Saturday, April 17

Parent-Child Interview
March 28—April 29, call to schedule appointment

Celebration of First Eucharist
Weekend Masses during the Easter Season

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Preschool and Elementary Faith Formation

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Elementary

Elementary Faith Formation offers families with children in grades K through 5 a classroom environment to learn about their Catholic faith. Children will gather in grade level groups for a 75 minute session on the twice a month. Elementary sessions are scheduled to allow families to attend Mass together. It is important for our children to become active, conscious participants in the Sunday liturgy.

Elementary Sessions

E1: Saturday Afternoon 3:30-4:45 PM *before Sat. 5 pm Mass*

E2: Sunday Morning 8:30-9:45 AM *before Sun. 10 am Mass*

E3: Sunday Morning 9:30-10:45 AM *after Sun. 8 am Mass*

E4: Sunday Morning 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM *after Sun. 10 am Mass*

E5: Sunday Afternoon 3:30-4:45 PM *before Sat. 5 pm Mass*

Preschool

Preschool Faith Formation offers families with children age 3 through 5 (not in Kinder) a classroom environment to learn about their Catholic faith. Children will gather in age level groups during Sunday Mass twice each month. The focus of the Preschool program is for our children to learn and experience the Bible stories that are such an important part of our faith tradition. During weekends when there is no Preschool Faith Formation, families are encouraged to bring their children to Mass. The Sunday Nursery in Inspiration will also be available to registered families on non-session weekends.

Preschool Faith Formation Sessions

PS1: Saturday 3:30-4:45 pm before 5 pm Mass

PS2: Sunday during 8 am Mass

PS3: Sunday during 10 am Mass

PS4: Sunday during 12 Noon Mass

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meets twice each month from
September through May.

Families are asked to participate in our Parish Events and to share their faith at home and through the celebration of our Sunday Eucharist.

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**Children's Ministry meets for
17 sessions from September-May.**

Fall 2009

September 12 & 13

September 26 & 27

October 3 & 4

October 17 & 18

Cat.Chat Concert Weds., Oct. 21

November 7 & 8

December 5 & 6

December 19 & 20

Winter & Spring 2010

January 9 & 10

January 23 & 24

February 6 & 7

February 20 & 21

March 6 & 7

Parish Family Mission March 21-24

April 10 & 11

April 24 & 25

May 1 & 2

May 15 & 16

Times for all Special Events and Community Gatherings will be announced in the bulletin, newsletter, and during classes.

Special Needs Faith Formation

Special Needs Faith Formation offers families with Special Needs children from ages 4-16 the opportunity for faith development in a safe, nurturing environment. In a developmentally appropriate way, the children are invited and encouraged to answer the call of Jesus, to learn about His story and to celebrate the Sacraments. A certified Special Education teacher prepares and teaches this program and caring catechists with a loving desire to work with this special community provide support and assistance. We strive to provide an inclusive environment, so it is not necessary for the child to have any particular special needs to participate.



Special Needs Faith Formation Sessions

SN: Sunday during 10 am Mass

Special Needs meets every Sunday
September 6, 2009-June 20, 2010

Except: Please check Special Needs Calendar for exceptions.

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