

# *Welcome to St. Anne's Child Faith Formation Program! We are so glad you are here!*

***“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.” John 14:6***

Here are a few reminders that will help us make this a strong, faith-filled learning year for everyone:

- ❑ ***We are your partners in forming your child in the Faith.*** You are their first and best teachers. We are a supplement, not a replacement for a role God gifted to you alone. Lean on us for guidance and support as you endeavor to bring your family to Heaven.
- ❑ ***We look forward to seeing you at Mass each week*** and celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with your family. Participating in the Mass and receiving the Sacraments is the best way to guide your children in the Faith. Christ gives us a share in His Divine Life through the Eucharist and Reconciliation, and when you receive these Sacraments, you bring His Life into your home!
- ❑ ***Our primary goal as parents and teachers is to help each child know that he or she is loved by Jesus and by us, and to help them become the saints He is calling them to be!*** Together, let us pray for a year in which all of the children in our care may come to know the truth and goodness of His love in a deeper way.
- ❑ ***Please arrive on time each week*** at the beginning and end of each class. Arriving too early may interrupt the catechist's important preparations. Arriving late interrupts the learning that has already begun in your absence. Catechists and others may be trying to come to or from Mass in a prompt fashion. Our 59 minutes together are precious!
- ❑ ***Please note that the workbook is for your family to work through together at home, too.*** While catechists may reference the theme from the workbook each week, they will likely develop activities that support chapter content in more profound ways. ***Home formation is an expectation.*** Our job is to reinforce what *you're* teaching at home. Decide if you'd like to do a little reading from the workbook before and a little after our FF class each week or create a rhythm that works for **YOUR** family to wisely use the workbook for which you paid.
- ❑ ***Please pray as a family throughout the week.*** Set aside time to come together as a family outside of Mass each week to pray and reflect on where God is leading you and how He is revealing Himself to you. Unity in prayer is one of the greatest gifts you can give your family!
- ❑ ***Please pray for our catechists.*** Our catechists are volunteers. While some are certified teachers, most are not. All love teaching your children in the best ways they know how. Please be generous with your compliments, and charitable in your constructive criticism. Consider volunteering your help! If you have a question or concern regarding a catechist, please don't hesitate to contact DRE Mary Mowry.

- ❑ ***Please plan to do something special with the hour.*** You are always welcome to pray near the Blessed Sacrament in the Sanctuary during your child's class. Fr. Bob will often offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation during our FF classes so you may participate in Christ's love and mercy. Read or mingle with other parents away from our class spaces. Our Gathering Area is for you to get to know one another better and make more friends in Christ. Finally, you are always encouraged and most welcome to remain with your child during class; your presence and engagement is one of the best examples you can give him or her!
  - ❑ ***Please expect email communication from your child's catechist.*** Catechists will be sharing a brief bio and their contact information with you prior to your child's first class. Feel free to share with them any information you think would assist them in helping your child to learn more easily. Don't hesitate to contact your child's catechist or DRE Mary Mowry with any questions, concerns, or compliments. Thank you!
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#### **What you will find in this packet:**

- ❑ 2020/2021 Faith Formation Calendar
- ❑ First Communion Requirements
- ❑ Classroom locations
- ❑ Catechist contact information by grade level
- ❑ FORMED & Ascension Presents resources
- ❑ Snow Emergency procedures
- ❑ Safeguarding All of God's Family note

#### **Recommended Resources:**

***I highly recommend the following items to enrich your family's home formation experience and practices.***

- A Family Bible -- I recommend:
  - *The Great Adventure Catholic Bible* published by Ascension Press.
  - The Didache Bible - can be found on Amazon
  - The Ignatius Bible - can be found on Amazon
- *Catechism of the Catholic Church* - can be found on Amazon
- *Theology for Beginners* by F. J. Sheed (Angelico Press)
- *Why We're Catholic* by Trent Horn
- *Made this Way* by Leila Miller with Trent Horn
- *Be a Man!* by Fr. Larry Richards (recommended for teen boys and dads)
- *My Sisters the Saints* by Colleen Carroll Campbell (recommended for late-teen girls and moms)

St. Anne Preschool - 8th Grade FF Calendar 2020/2021 UPDATED

St. Anne's Faith Formation Calendar

2020-2021

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**There are less than 20 classes. Please be present and attend Mass each week.**

Title/Description

Date	Time	Title/Description
<b>8/31 Registration Deadline for 2020/2021</b>		
9/19	4:00 PM	Parent Packet Pick-Up & Orientation for those who have registered their children (all grade levels)
9/20	10:30 AM	Parent Packet Pick-Up & Orientation for those who have registered their children (all grade levels)
10/7, 10/14, 10/21	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Wednesday Faith Formation K - 5th Gr. Classes
10/4, 10/11, 10/18	10:30 - 11:30 AM	Sunday Faith Formation K - 5th Gr. Classes
10/11, 10/25	5:30 - 7 PM	Sunday Middle School Class
<b>11/1 All Saints Day, 11/2 All Souls Day</b>		
11/4, 11/11, 11/18	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Wednesday Faith Formation K - 5th Gr. Classes
11/1, 11/8, 11/15	10:30 - 11:30 AM	Sunday Faith Formation K - 5th Gr. Classes
11/8, 11/22	5:30 - 7 PM	Sunday Middle School Class
<b>11/26 Thanksgiving</b>		
<b>11/29 Advent Begins</b>		
<b>Advent Family Faith Formation</b>		
12/6	10:30 AM	Wednesday Faith Formation K - 5th Gr. Classes
12/2, 12/9, 12/16	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Sunday Faith Formation K - 5th Gr. Classes
12/6, 12/13, 12/20	10:30 - 11:30 AM	Sunday Middle School Class
12/13	5:30 - 7 PM	Sunday Middle School Class
<b>12/25 Christmas Day</b>		

**NOTES:**

Faith Formation (FF) classes are always the first three weeks of the month – please contact your child's catechist if s/he will be absent from class.

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Date	Time	Title/Description
		<b>1/1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>
		<b>1/6 Feast of Epiphany</b>
		<b>1/10 Last Day of Christmas - Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord</b>
1/6, 1/13, 1/20	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Wednesday Faith Formation K - 5th Gr. Classes
1/10, 1/17, 1/24	10:30 - 11:30 AM	Sunday Faith Formation K - 5th Gr. Classes
1/17, 1/31	5:30 - 7 PM	Sunday Middle School Class
2/16	6 - 7:30 PM	<b>Fat Tuesday Lenten Family Faith Formation Event</b>
		<b>2/17 Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins</b>
2/3, 2/10, 2/17	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Wednesday Faith Formation K - 5th Gr. Classes
2/7, 2/14, 2/21	10:30 - 11:30 AM	Sunday Faith Formation K - 5th Gr. Classes
2/14, 2/28	5:30 - 7 PM	Sunday Middle School Class
3/10	5:30 - 7:30 PM	<b>Lenten Reconciliation Service</b>
3/3, 3/10, 3/17	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Wednesday Faith Formation K - 5th Gr. Classes
3/7, 3/14, 3/21	10:30 - 11:30 AM	Sunday Faith Formation K - 5th Gr. Classes
3/13	TBD	Middle School Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally (Carroll University)
3/14	5:30 - 7 PM	Sunday Middle School Class
		<b>3/28 - 4/3 Holy Week</b>
		<b>4/4 Easter</b>
		<b>Please register your children now for the next session of lifelong Faith Formation!</b>

Visit our website to register your child for classes, events, and activities!  
<https://saint-anne.org/children/register/>



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**First Communicant Formation Schedule**

Date	Time	Title/Description
		<b>Parent Formation Sessions</b>
10/3	8:30 AM - 3 PM	<b>Forgiven</b>   Parents of First Communicants are required to attend one of the two <b>Forgiven Sessions</b>
11/7	8:30 AM - 3 PM	<b>Forgiven</b>   Parents of First Communicants are required to attend one of the two <b>Forgiven Sessions</b>
12/5	8:30 AM - 2:30 PM	<b>Presence</b>   Parents of First Communicants are required to attend one of the two <b>Presence Sessions</b>
1/9	8:30 AM - 2:30 PM	<b>Presence</b>   Parents of First Communicants are required to attend one of the two <b>Presence Sessions</b>
		<b>Please note: These sessions are for parents only.</b>
		<b>Child &amp; Parent Formation Sessions</b>
11/21, 11/22	1 - 4 PM	First Reconciliation Retreat   Required for First Communicants and their parents. Please select either the Sat. or Sun. retreat.
12/9	6:00 PM	Celebration of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation
2/20, 2/21	1 - 4 PM	First Communion Retreat # 1   Required for First Communicants and their parents. Please select either the Sat. or Sun. retreat.
3/20, 3/21	1 - 4 PM	First Communion Retreat # 2   Required for First Communicants and their parents. Please select either the Sat. or Sun. retreat.
4/29	5:15 - 8:15 PM	First Communion Rehearsal   5:15 PM for 5/1 5:15 PM Mass, 6:15 PM for 5/2 9:15 AM Mass, 7:15 PM for 5/2 11:30 AM Mass
5/1, 5/2	5:15 PM, 9:15 AM, 11:30 AM	Celebration of First Communion Masses - preferences made known at time of retreat will be honored.

**NOTES:**

The 2020/2021 sacramental formation program includes two required parent sessions.

These sessions are offered at varying times throughout the year. Please select a session series that works well for you.

On retreat days, 2nd grade classes will not be in session.

First Communion photo opportunities are 3:30 - 5 PM Sat. May 1st, 7:30 - 9 AM Sun. May 2nd, 10:30 - 11 AM Sun. May 2nd

Visit our website to register your child for classes, events, and activities!  
<https://saintanne.org/childrenteregister>

## Who's Teaching Where? 2020/2021

DAY	TIME	GRADE LEVEL	LOCATION	CATECHIST(S)	CONTACT INFORMATION
Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30 pm	Kindergarten	Atrium	Sonja Bigley & Joey Binder	Sonja (262 889 4860, jbsb87@yahoo.com), Joey (847 409 5473, tjbinder3@att.net)
Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30 pm	1st grade	Supply Room	Sarah Salmon & Tracey Pelishek	Sarah (262 237 1198/, sarah_sichmeller@hotmail.com), Tracey (262 308 6299, ttmp120@gmail.com)
Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30 pm	2nd grade	Sm. Classroom	Michelle Valeri	Michelle (262 654 6534, valeri1@mac.com)
Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30 pm	3rd grade	Conference Room	Cara Lensmeyer	Cara (224 301 0126, cara.lensmeyer@gmail.com)
Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30 pm	4th/5th grade	Multipurpose Room	Kara Klawitter	Kara (262 455 0654, karamia13@hotmail.com)
Sunday	10:30 - 11:30 am	2nd grade	Multipurpose Room	Den. Todd Benzschawel	Den. Todd (847 265 7628, tbenzschawel@comcast.net)
Sunday	10:30 - 11:30 am	3rd grade	Sm. Classroom	Rich Mich	Rich (262 818 0839, shercoktr@yahoo.com)
Sunday	10:30 - 11:30 am	4th/5th grade	Supply Room	Susan & Dan August	Susan (262 909 9689, coachtm2004@yahoo.com), Dan (224 280 8808, dmusicbase@gmail.com)
Sunday (2nd/4th)	5:30 - 7 pm	6th - 8th grade	Multipurpose Room	Mary Mowry, Rich Sosa	Mary (262 942 8300, mmowry@saint-anne.org), Rich (262 942 8300, rsosa@saint-anne.org)

# First Communion Requirements 2020/2021

There are **five requirements** for the reception of First Communion:

1. Submission of child's Baptismal Certificate (not a birth certificate).
2. Reception of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation with a Catholic priest.
3. Parish Membership at St. Anne is required before Sacraments are received here – please visit our “Registration Process” page under the “Visitor” heading of the St. Anne website.
4. A child must know the difference between ordinary bread and extraordinary Eucharist.
  - Children must recognize that Holy Communion is not like regular food; they must be able to distinguish the difference.
5. A child must believe that the Host is really and truly Jesus. He gives His Whole Self to us in the Eucharist -- **Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity**.
  - Children must believe that the Host is Jesus; they need not understand or explain His Real Presence, but they must believe in it (so must we!)

Attending our parents sessions and retreats make numbers 4 and 5 easy for families to accomplish. Please don't miss these opportunities to discover the richness of the Sacraments! This year, we are excited to launch a new sacramental preparation process for parents of First Communicants. **Our new program involves two required parent sessions** which are offered at varying times throughout the year. Please add the following dates to your calendar and make these events a priority for you and your child.

- **Forgiven Parent Sessions (Option 1)** | Saturday, October 3rd 8:30 am - 3 pm
- **Forgiven Parent Sessions (Option 2)** | Saturday, November 7th 8:30 am - 3 pm
- **Presence Parent Sessions (Option 1)** | Saturday, December 5th 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
- **Presence Parent Sessions (Option 2)** | Saturday, January 9th 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
- **November 21st or 22nd** | First Reconciliation Retreat for parent and child to attend together 1 – 4 pm. **This retreat is required.**
- **December 9th** | Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6 pm.
- **February 20th or 21st** | First Communion Retreat # 1 for parent and child to attend together 1 – 4 pm. **This retreat is required.**
- **March 20th or 21st** | First Communion Retreat #2 for parent and child to attend together 1 – 4 pm. **This retreat is required.**
- **April 29th** | First Communion rehearsal from 5:15 - 8:15 pm.
- **May 1st and 2nd** | First Communion weekend





**FORMED.org** is a revolutionary online platform featuring the best Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies from trusted partners like the Augustine Institute, St. Paul Center, Marian Fathers, Lighthouse Catholic Media, Ignatius Press and Word on Fire. Gather your family for a movie night or begin a Bible study right in your own home!

As a St. Anne parishioner, you can connect to FORMED for **FREE** any time online or through the FORMED app. Download the app on Google Play or Apple Store.

**To log on:**

- 1.) Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org)
- 2.) Click “Sign Up”
- 3.) You’ll be prompted to identify your affiliation -- click “I belong to a Parish or Organization”
- 4.) You’ll be prompted to provide the name of your parish (i.e. St. Anne Catholic Church, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158)
- 4.) Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later).

**A few recommendations to get you started:**

- ❖ *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*
- ❖ *The Search*
- ❖ *The Wild Goose Series*
- ❖ *Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi - Radio Drama*
- ❖ *Reborn: You, Your Child, and the Heart of Baptism*
- ❖ *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*
- ❖ *Forgiven - “Bonus: For Children”*
- ❖ *Pope John Paul II - Movie (not rated but adult themes are presented)*
- ❖ *God with Us, The Messengers, To Every Nation - Animated movie series for children ages 7 and up*





# ASCENSION

The Faith Formation Leader

The **Ascension Presents YouTube channel** seeks to present the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith through media, and to answer the longings of the human heart with the transformative power of the Gospel. Video hosts include Fr. Mike Schmitz, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Jackie and Bobby Francois, Fr. Josh Johnson, Matt Fradd, and many more!

## **Video Suggestions**

“All About Guardian Angels”

“The Meaning of Suffering”

“Believing in a God Who Allows Evil”

“How to Face Temptation”

“Old Testament God vs. New Testament God”

“Why God Gave Us Bodies”

“We Are Not Cosmic Accidents”

“How to Prepare for Sunday Readings”

“Why Catholics Call Mary Their Mother”

“Do I Have a Good Conscience?”

“Why Catholics Use Scripture & Tradition”

“How Do You Pray with the Bible?”

“Why Confess My Sins to a Priest?”

“Why We have to Attend Mass and Receive Communion in a State of Grace”

“The True Meaning of Advent”

“What’s the Purpose of Lent?”

St. Anne Catholic Church  
&  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
Present  
*Safeguarding All of God's Family*

September 2020

Dear Parent,

Your child is loved by God and His Church! In a pastoral effort to respond to the need for the protection of children and youth, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee continues its *Safeguarding All of God's Family* program through use of the *Circle of Care* curriculum for all children and youth ages 4 – 18. As a part of this program, all children in grades K through 11th enrolled in our faith formation programs will be given additional information on how to protect themselves and become more aware of their surroundings.

Here at St. Anne's, catechists will be using the lessons from the website that may be found here: <https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/educators.htm> to help them lead discussions on this vital topic. Please pray for our catechists to bravely say what needs saying and, like Jesus, do what needs doing. *As a reminder, anyone over the age of 18 who volunteers with minors must obtain Safeguarding All of God's Family certification prior to serving in a volunteer role.*

If your child is enrolled in a K - 8th grade class, s/he will be discussing this information **during the first class in November** with catechists and peers. Youth in high school formation will receive their Safeguarding lesson on April 18, 2021. If you'd like to join them, you are welcome and encouraged to attend with your child during his/her regularly scheduled Faith Formation class that week. **If you prefer your child opt out of this lesson, please complete, sign, and return the reverse side of this letter to your child's catechist during his/her final class in October.** Thank you in advance for your understanding and commitment to protecting the innocence of the young ones entrusted to our care!

Yours in Christ,

Mary Mowry

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**Safeguarding All of God's Family  
Opt-Out Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(please print your full name)

understand that a developmentally appropriate *Safeguarding All of God's Family* lesson will be facilitated in my child's Faith Formation class during the first week of November 2020/April 18, 2021 (HS). I prefer that my child opt out of this programming, and therefore,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(please print your child's full name)  
will not be in class. I will deliver this notice to my child's catechist prior to the first week of November 2020/April 18, 2021 (HS).

**Parent Signature:**

**Date:**

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# SNOW EMERGENCY INFORMATION

As winter approaches, note that many catechists drive a considerable distance to be here for your children. St. Anne will likely close only if there is a **Snow Emergency** declared by the Village of Pleasant Prairie indicating that it is unsafe to be on the roads. If St. Anne is closed for Faith Formation, you will receive an email saying so and may also find notice on WTMJ4. Please be sure we don't end up in your spam folder! We will also do our best to update parishioners via our St. Anne Facebook page. That said, it is always your call as a driver whether or not you feel safe enough to drive on the roads during inclement weather and we completely understand if you opt out of FF class at such a time. When your child will be absent from FF, sending an email to your child's catechist as a courtesy is much appreciated!

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