

Overview of Faith Formation at St. Bridget for 2020-21

Welcome to another year of Faith Formation! Despite all of the pandemic related chaos, we are really excited to get started again – however we can! ☺

Please see below for notes related to specific age ranges:

Grades K-6:

- To watch Father Jerry and Diane give a quick overview of this program, click [HERE](#).
- In summary, we are transitioning to a Family Faith Formation model for grades K-6.
- Our program will be based on the Sophia Institute's [A Family of Faith](#) program.
- Students and parents will gather **twice a month** for sessions with Fr. Jerry and Diane.
- Classes will begin in October and run through April.
- Families can choose which track will work best for their family:
 - Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 - Saturdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
 - Sundays, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- Families will be grouped into **cohorts** of 4-5 families. These families will have discussions and do various projects together throughout the year. These family groups will stay together for the entire year, to foster a sense of community and allow relationships to be built.
- Group sessions will include time specifically focused on helping parents understand key faith concepts, so that they can help their children understand them.
- Parents will receive a **Parent Guide Book** and each student will receive a **Student Workbook**, which they will use to work through lessons and activities during the weeks that they do not gather for the group sessions.
- For now, the group sessions will be virtual (via Zoom).

Grades 7-8:

- There will be options of an all virtual class on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-4:15pm, or an evening class that meets one Wednesday in-person, and the next Wednesday virtually, from 6:45pm-7:45pm.
- We are in need of leaders for both the afternoon and evening classes for 7th and 8th grade. Please contact Tessa for information about being a leader!

Grade 9:

- We are forming Small Discipleship Groups for our 9th graders this year!
- Discipleship Groups will launch on Sept. 30, or later depending on when each group is ready.
- Please register, and Tessa will contact you with the details.

Grades 10:

- This is the first year of Confirmation preparation!
- All 10th graders will be assigned to a small group. Small groups will meet one Wednesday in-person, and the next virtually.
- 10th Grade Confirmation begins on Wednesday, September 16, with a parent and student meeting in church, 6:45-7:45pm.

Grades 11:

- This is the second year of Confirmation preparation!
- All 11th graders will continue the journey with their small groups from last Faith Formation year. Small groups will meet one Wednesday in-person, and the next virtually.
- 11th Grade Confirmation begins on Wednesday, September 9, with a parent and student meeting in church, 6:45-7:45pm.

Sunday Preschool: Unfortunately, we are not able to offer Sunday Preschool at this time. If you are not yet receiving the Children's Bulletin (Gospel-based activity sheets), please contact Diane at ChildrensFF@stbparish.com to be added to that email distribution list.