

# 2017-2018 Religious Education

As a Formation Staff we look to, “Bring people into a Growing Relationship with Jesus Christ.” Growing our faith goes beyond the classroom. In order to do that effectively, we ask that our RE families participate in several activities in addition to religious education classes. There are four areas that we focus on; Family Formation, Parent Formation, Family Service, and a Mass Reflection. Below you will find a listing and explanation of each of these four activities along with some of the events that are available.

Families that participate in all four of the additional activities will be eligible for our early registration for the 2018-19 school year. If you have questions, please contact Angie Bulman or Kris Walker in the parish office, 393-3778.

<p><b>PRAY</b></p>	<p><b>Mass Reflection</b></p> <p>Attending Mass is an integral part of our faith. Without it kids lack the context for what they are being taught in class. As Catholics, it is our hope that Mass is part of your regular family routine</p>	<p>After attending at least one Sunday Mass during the Fall, Advent or Lenten Message Series we ask that your family spend a few minutes discussing the Mass experience and then share your thoughts on our Mass Reflection form on the RE page of the parish website. We hope that this is a family activity and would encourage older kids to complete the online reflection. The online reflection forms will be up on the website during each message series.</p>
<p><b>LEARN</b></p>	<p><b>Family Formation</b></p> <p>We offer a number of Family events each year. This is a time we hope your family will come together in a faith focused environment to build family and community connections. We ask that all families attend at least one family event each year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Oct. 1, 2017 – Super Family Sunday</b></li> <li>• <b>Oct. 29, 2017 – SWP (MS/HS focus)</b></li> <li>• <b>February 11, 2018 – Family Concert</b></li> <li>• <b>Feb. 18, 2018 – Super Family Sunday</b></li> </ul> <p>As our calendar evolves, more events may be added. Please watch your email and check the website for additional events</p>
<p><b>SHARE</b></p>	<p><b>Family Service and Reflection</b></p> <p>We are the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. There are many people and places both in our church and community that can use our help. We hope that doing service as a family will help bring awareness to the importance of bringing our Catholic faith actively into the world.</p>	<p>After completing a service project of your families choosing, we ask that your family spend some time discussing the experience and then share your thoughts on our online Family Service Reflection Form. The form is located on the RE page of our parish website. The service can be done in our church or the community, it can be something you’ve done before or something new, we just ask <b>that it be done as a family</b> and completed between August and March. Anyone/Everyone can fill in the online reflection, ideally, we would like to have the kids fill it in if they are able.</p>
<p><b>WITNESS</b></p>	<p><b>Parent Formation</b></p> <p>Building faith is a lifelong process and it all begins in the home. You are the best catechists for your children, which is why we ask that parents attend at least one adult formation event each year. We offer a number of different options for this. Some events are geared toward parenting and passing on the faith while others offer subjects that keep the faith alive for you.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parent Formation Night – November 8, 2017</b></li> <li>• <b>Wine and Wisdom Series – Bi Monthly</b> <b>Speakers: Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup></b></li> </ul> <p>As our calendar evolves, more events may be added. Please watch your email and check the website for additional events</p>