

# FAITH FORMATION

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Latest news and bulletin updates

### Sacramental Preparation:

#### First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion

We began the year learning about Baptism which led to God's plan for our salvation - from Adam and Eve through the Ten Commandments. We played "Sin or No Sin" to think about how we make choices. Currently, we are taking a good look at the Act of Contrition and hopefully by December, each of us will be able to say and understand the Act of Contrition.

Please see [website](#) for important dates and info!

#### Confirmation

Have you turned in your Baptismal Certificate?  
Have you told us where you plan to volunteer?  
Have you turned in your sponsor information?  
Have you started to research your patron saint?  
Are you attending Mass regularly and discerning God's plan for you?

The next opportunity for Volunteer Hours is: The Advent Works of Mercy Toy Drive and Family Event on Nov 30th. Set-up, clean-up, manning the stations - please sign up - send a note to [faithformation@st-joseph.cc](mailto:faithformation@st-joseph.cc)!

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#### Christian Initiation for Children

Please see both the First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion and Confirmation sections above.

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#### Faith Formation for Parents

Please join us for coffee and donuts while the children are in class. This week *The Holy Spirit*.

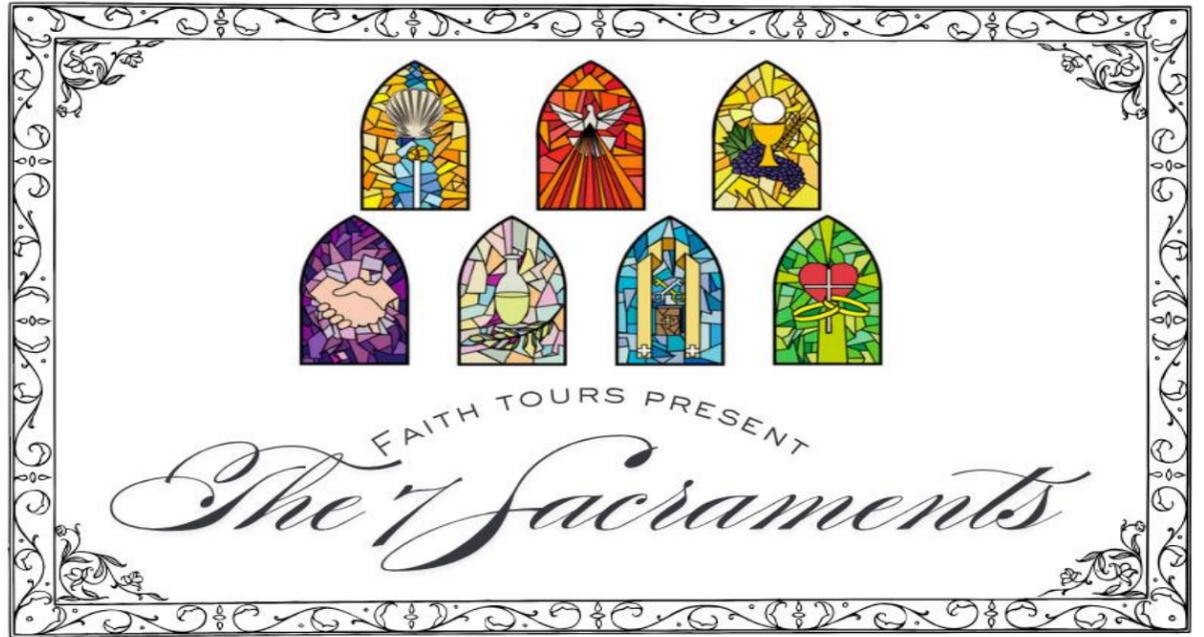
**Don't Forget to Volunteer to Help With the Advent Wreath Party, the Penance Service, and the Nativity Pageant!**

#### Tips on "How can we explain the sacraments to our children?"

The sacraments might be explained as:

- The "Undeserved" Gift: Grace is getting something good that you don't deserve, like your mom buying you a toy even though you've been naughty all day.
- Forgiveness: Imagine you accidentally break a glass. A friend who loves you doesn't get mad but helps you clean it up instead. That's a picture of grace.
- A "Superpower": Grace can be like a superpower God gives you to help you be strong, kind, and to do the right thing when it's hard, like resisting the urge to take a friend's toy.
- Special Ceremonies: Just like birthdays or graduations, sacraments mark significant moments in a person's journey of faith.

### The 7 Sacraments Grace Tour



Do you know what a sacrament is? Do you know how many there are? Can you name them? Do you know why we have them? A Sacrament is a **visible sign** of God's **invisible grace**. Sacraments show God's presence and love in our lives. Through God's grace, He enters our souls and transforms (sanctifies) us so we can spend eternity with Him in heaven. Join us as we explore the sacraments!

### This Month in Faith Formation

#### Current News:

This month we will begin our *Grace Tour* for Pre-K through 1st grade with Father Christopher. We will visit the church and talk about God's love, mercy and grace. We will visit all the areas of the church where we receive grace in the sacraments. Parents of the little ones are asked to please join us!

#### Favorite Pictures of the Month from the *Praying with the Saints Tour* Presleigh Vital and her grade class



#### Favorite Question This Month from a Faith Formation parent (not verbatim)

From a Faith Formation parent (not verbatim):  
I am a cradle Catholic and went through CCD and Catholic school but I have learned so much more through this program as an adult and I really just want to share this journey with other parents. Why won't they come? They have to be here before and after to drop-off and pick up their children. They could just stay, join

us, and learn with us.

The Faith Formation website is full of up-to-date info at <https://stjosephmacon.org/faith-formation/>. Contact us anytime at [faithformation@st-joseph.cc](mailto:faithformation@st-joseph.cc).

#### Upcoming:

Advent is almost here! We are looking for teenage volunteers for the Advent Wreath Party, the Advent Penance Service, and the Nativity Pageant to help with the younger grades, read for the service and/or narrate the pageant and shepherd the flock. Please help!

#### New: Faith Formation Book Club

Borrow a book, read it and let us know if we should buy more to share with your friends in Faith Formation! If you really like it, you can keep it but you have to tell us why you like it.

#### A Look Ahead At Tours:

11/16/25 Grace Tour - Pre-K-1st  
12/14/25 Grace Tour - 3rd-8th  
Next up : TBD

#### A 2-Month Look Ahead At Family Events (save the dates):

11/30/2025 Advent Wreath Party - Families are invited to join us in building a family Advent wreath as they learn about Advent. Please bring a small unwrapped gift to support FAM. Please bring a nativity if you would like to donate or swap one.  
12/7/2025 Breakfast with Santa - SJCS  
12/15/2025 Advent Penance Service  
12/24/2025 Nativity Pageant

#### Grades Pre-K – 5

Meet at SJCS from 9:45-10:45 am

#### Grades 6-8

Meet in Social Hall from 9:45-10:45 am

Sign in at SJCS

#### Communion prep (FHC)

Meet at SJCS from 9:45-10:45 am

#### Confirmation prep

Class in Knights Hall at 9:45

#### Parents

Meet in SJCS cafeteria

#### Tour Schedule This Month in Church

11/16/25 Prayer Tour – Pre-K-1st Grades

Sign in at SJCS

