

FAITH FORMATION 2025-26

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Latest news and bulletin updates

Sacramental Preparation:

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion

Happy New Year! We have a big year planned and are very excited for you! **The First Reconciliation Retreat is scheduled for this Saturday, Jan 10, 2026 from 9:30-2:00**, lunch provided. Parents attend with candidate. Our First Holy Communion Retreat is next month!

Have you turned in your child's Baptismal Certificate?

Please see website for important dates and info!

Confirmation

Thank you for your help with the Penance Service and the Nativity Pageant.

The Winter Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for Jan 17, 2026 beginning with the 9 am Mass until 4 pm, lunch provided. Parent/sponsors attend with candidate.

Have you turned in your Baptismal Certificate?

Have you turned in your sponsor information?

Have you researched your patron saint?

Have you written your letter to Bishop Parkes?

Are you attending Mass regularly and discerning God's plan for you?

The next opportunity for Volunteer Hours is: **The Candlemas Pancake Breakfast and Coat Drive, Sun, Feb 1st at 9:30 am** - see email to volunteer.

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

Christian Initiation for Children

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

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

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 for the Living Rosary Project!

Tips on "New year, new reminders to Fan the Flame!"

The new year offers the perfect opportunity to renew faith at home. As parents, we can: **Be the First Educator:** Parents are the primary teachers of faith, creating a loving atmosphere where faith is lived, not just taught. **Integrate Faith into Daily Life** by praying together (meals, bedtime, in the car). **Observe liturgical seasons** (Lenten practices). **Talk about faith** in everyday moments, reflecting on the Gospel. **Focus on Encounter:** Make Jesus the center of your life, reflecting Him in actions like forgiveness. **And support Faith Formation:** prepare for the sacraments together with children (Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation).

Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant 2025



Happy New Year! As you can see, the Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant was amazing. A special 'thank you' to our narrators - Anna Carrigan, Gianna Reddick and Cora Stallworth - along with our Roman soldiers, the Magi, Herod, Caesar, the shepherds, angels, sheep, donkeys and of course Joseph, Mary(s) and the star! Happy Birthday Jesus!

This Month in Faith Formation

Current News:

This month we will begin a new tour, the **Tour of Service**, for grades 3rd through 8th. Our scheduled tour for the youngest grades for this weekend is canceled. On January 25, grades 3rd-8th will visit the church and learn how they can serve as part of the Mass - be it in the choir, as an altar server or caring for the linens, or as an usher or greeter.

To get your children involved in Mass, empower them with active roles (usher, altar server, reader), make it personal by discussing readings & intentions, foster a community connection (youth group, friends), explain the "why," and ensure consistent attendance, making it a family priority rather than a chore, which builds a stronger faith foundation for them to serve from.

Favorite Picture of the Month from the Nativity Pageant

Getting ready for Jesus!



Favorite Prayer This Month

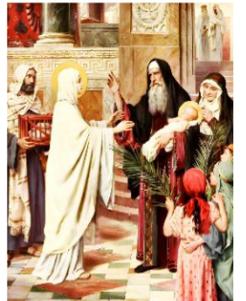
"Dear Jesus, thank You for this new year! Please help me to grow closer to You, be a good friend, and spread Your love and kindness to everyone I meet. Keep me safe, happy, and filled with Your peace. Amen."

A Look Ahead At Tours:

1/25/26 Tour of Service - 3rd-8th
2/15/26 Stations of the Cross - PreK-8th
Next up: Art and Music Tour

Upcoming:

The Presentation of Jesus and Candlemas is almost here! Join us for the Blessing of candles, a Pancake Breakfast hosted by our Knights of Columbus, and the Confirmand's Coat and Blanket drive on Feb 1st at 9:30 am in the Social Hall.



Lent is coming soon! We are looking for teenage volunteers for the **Lenten Penance Service, March 12th at 7 pm**. We need greeters, readers, ushers - see email to volunteer. Confirmandi should plan to attend.

Faith Formation Living Rosary Project

Just in time for Mother's Day - a Living Rosary presented by your children. **We need a videographer - can you help?**

Faith Formation Book Club

Don't forget to borrow a book, read it and then let us know if we should buy more to share with your friends in Faith Formation!

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

2/1/26 Candlemas Pancake Breakfast (FE)
2/27/26 Stations of the Cross (FE)
3/7/26 First Reconciliation
3/12/26 Penance Service (FE)

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

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

No tours this weekend