



Faith Formation Program 2026-2027

Church of St. Boniface Martyr

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Our Mission

To provide our parish families with the support they need to integrate into our parish community and to assist them in raising their children in the Catholic faith.

Welcome!

Thank you to everyone who made last year's program such a success! Since everything seemed to work out last year, we will continue the same basic program for next year with only one significant change:

We are moving our confirmations to 7th grade!!!

This means we will be confirming both 7th and 8th graders this year.

Parents Night for New Families

We will be having a parents night on **Thursday, Sept 10 at 7pm** in the church to explain the program to our new families.

If you are returning from last year, you are welcome to attend also, but it is not necessary.

WhatsApp

Please join our St Boniface Faith Formation WhatsApp community, since it will be our primary method of communicating with you and keeping you up to date throughout the year.

You can ask anyone who is already a community member for an invite or email us for a link.

Registration

Please register for the program here: <https://forms.gle/iHhr1ThPaXWWL62n9>

Our Program

Instead of trying to force everyone into a one-size-fits-all box, we will be offering a variety of activities and leaving it up to you to decide which of these best suit your family's needs and interests. Other than a few mandatory events for our first communion and confirmation candidates, you are free to participate in as many of these activities as you wish.

Mass

By far, the most important part of any Faith Formation program is the regular attendance at Sunday Mass. This is the only part of our program that is **absolutely mandatory**. This is important not only for the children, but for the entire family as well. Everything we are doing in our Faith Formation program is built on the foundation of regular Mass attendance.

Family Program – Grades 0-5

Our family program will meet one Sunday each month from 8:45–10:15 in the school. We will begin each session in the gym with prayer and some time with Fr Josef. Then we will break out into family groups for discussion and activities focusing on Christian family life.

This program is for the entire family, not just the children. If you are interested in participating, simply come to our first meeting on September 27.

The dates for our family program this year will be:

September 27

October 25

November 22

December 20

January 24

February 28

March (**Easter Break**)

April 4

May 2

Middle School Program – Grades 6-8

Our middle school program will be at the same time and on the same Sundays as the family program. The students will meet in groups (without the parents) and will be led by a volunteer. We will focus on helping the children take ownership of their faith life and learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in participating, simply come to our first meeting on September 27.

Online Catechesis

For an at-home, self-guided deep dive into the teachings of the Catholic faith, we will be using the Faith and Life series from My Catholic Faith Delivered. Please contact StBonFaith@gmail.com if you are interested.

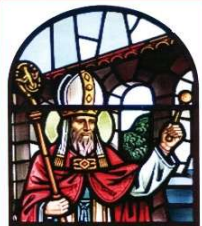
Sacramental Preparation

We will be preparing our 2nd graders for First Communion and our **7th and 8th** graders for Confirmation. Please see the First Communion and Confirmation info sheets for details.

Community Building & Service

Throughout the year, we will be offering opportunities for the family to integrate into our parish life through community building events and service projects. Activities will include:

November	Thanksgiving Food Drive
Advent	Trees of Joy
December 5	Christmas around the World
December 5	Christmas Pageant
December 20	Christmas Caroling
Lent	40 Days 40 Items
Lent	Mite Boxes
March 14	Children's Stations of the Cross
March 28	Easter Egg Hunt
May 2	May Crowning & End of the Year Picnic
May 20-23	Feast by the Shore
First Saturdays	Sandwich making for Outreach
TBD	Children's Choir



First Communion Info

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To prepare your child for First Communion, please participate in as much of our Faith Formation program as you wish.

In addition, please plan on attending the events listed below.

Dates

The following dates are **mandatory** for our First Communion program. The children do not need to attend the Parents Nights, but they are welcome. All of these events are in the church.

Nov 19	Thursday	6pm - 7pm	First Communion Parents Night
May 8	Saturday	11am - 2pm	Retreat & First Confessions
May 21	Friday	6pm - 7pm	Rehearsal
May 22	Saturday	11am - 12pm	First Communion Mass

Baptismal Certificates

Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the parents night, or send it by email, or drop it off at the office as soon as possible.

If your child is not yet baptized, please let us know so that we can arrange a baptism for them.



Confirmation Info

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To prepare your child for Confirmation, please participate in as much of our Faith Formation program as you wish.

In addition, please plan on attending the events listed below.

Dates

The following dates are **mandatory** for our Confirmation program. The children do not need to attend the Parents Night, but they are welcome. All of these events are in the church.

Nov 19	Thursday	7pm - 8pm	Confirmation Parents Night
May 15	Saturday	11am - 2pm	Confirmation Retreat
	TBD		Rehearsal
	TBD		Confirmation Ceremony

We will let you know the date of the Confirmation Ceremony as soon as we are given one by the bishop (we usually don't find out until January or February). We are requesting the end of May or beginning of June. We will probably need two ceremonies this year.

7th Grade Confirmations **New!**

In an effort to make confirmation feel less like a graduation from Christian life and more like a beginning, we will be moving to 7th grade for confirmations.

In this transition year, both our 7th and 8th graders will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. We will discuss this in more detail at the Confirmation Parents Night.