



# Faith Formation Program - 2025

Church of St. Boniface Martyr

Please come to our Parents Night on **Thursday, Sept 18 at 7pm** in the Church for a complete overview of the program.

## Welcome!

**Welcome to St. Boniface Faith Formation 2025!**

We have radically restructured our Faith Formation program this year. Please take a minute to read through this material so that you can have a better understanding of our new program.

## Why the Changes?

Put simply, the old classroom-based CCD model is not working. Every year it is becoming more difficult to find enough catechists. Parents are finding the time commitment more difficult. And our faith formation team spends an ever-increasing percentage of our energy on administrative and organizational work, rather than bringing our children closer to Christ.

This summer, we set the old model aside and tried to come up with something that is more focused on our Faith Formation goals and better serves our parish families. I am very excited about what we have come up with, and I hope that you will be too!

## Our Mission

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

## Goals

- Transition from a classroom-based Religious Education system to a family-based Faith Formation program.
- Provide a variety of opportunities that allow each family the flexibility to participate at the level they are able.
- Integrate the Faith Formation program into the liturgical and community life of the parish.

## The 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 of 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, please come to our first meeting on September 28.

The dates for our family program this year will be:

Sept 28	Feb 22
Oct 26	Mar 22
Nov 23	Apr 26
Dec 21	May 31
Jan 25	June 14 - Family Picnic (after the 10:30 Mass)

## 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, please come to the first meeting on September 28.

## 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](mailto:StBonFaith@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## Sacramental Preparation

We will be preparing our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders for First Communion and our 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

Christmas around the World	Care Baskets
Christmas Pageant	Easter Egg Hunt
Children's Choir	Food Drives
Feast by the Shore	Lenten Fundraiser for SVDP

Please contact Jessica Fox at [foxjessica313@gmail.com](mailto:foxjessica313@gmail.com) for more info.

## Prayer & Catholic Life

We will also be offering opportunities to explore Catholic life and prayer.

Activities will include:

St Boniface Church Tour	Mass Walkthrough
Family Holy Hour	Family Rosary
Children's Stations of the Cross	Tour of Glen Cove parishes
Children's Homilies	Mass Pass

Please contact Belinda Zeitlin at [bzbasaca@gmail.com](mailto:bzbasaca@gmail.com) for more info.

## Adult Faith Formation (for the parents)

Catholicism video series by Bishop Barron led by Deacon Tom

Adult Catechism led by Fr Josef

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