



Faith Formation Handbook



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Faith Formation**

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TESTIFY TO GOD'S LOVE

Since you are God's dear Children, you must try to be like him.

Ephesians 5:1



St. Rose & St. Mary's Parishes

We are an inviting faith-filled community made up of two unique parishes devoted to life-long learning and discipleship through prayer, service and sharing.

2015-2016

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Our Catechists

Primary

Grade 1:	Gay Ann Smith
Grade 2:	Mary Schoen
Grade 3:	Patricia Wichman
Grade 4 & 5:	Mary Behnke



Edge

Rod Young
Deacon Tom Jozwiak
Mary Lapp
Beverly Furdek



You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves.

Seekers & Disciples

Disciples:	Deacon Lincoln Wood Kellie Zahn
Seekers:	Barb Tessmer Cari Gast Deacon Paul Brulla Kellie Zahn

St. Francis DeSales

Gifted Guild:
(Post Confirmation)

Kellie Zahn





Tuition

St. Rose & St. Mary's Parishes are not charging for Faith Formation sessions this year. We will continue to charge for Youth Events as well as Sacramental Preparation.

Youth Event Assistance

St. Rose St. Mary's Parishes are committed to the Faith Formation of all children and youth. For this reason if a youth would like to attend a youth event and payment is an obstacle please contact the Coordinator of Youth Ministry to discuss assistance options.

Sacramental Prep Fees

First Reconciliation & Eucharist	\$25.00
Sacramental Prep Fee Confirmation (Junior Year)	\$50.00

We budget for Junior Year based on this fee. Please have it paid by January 31st.

No Tuition? Why?

Our parishes are committed to forming life-long disciples of the faith. We believe that families should not be charged for learning about Jesus. We encourage you to financially support your parish and use Scrip for all of your purchases.

Scrip

Scrip earnings provide Faith Formation with money to fund itself. If you are not signed up to participate in Scrip, do so and designate your earnings to be put toward Faith Formation. Every time you purchase a Scrip gift card, you are earning money for religious formation at no additional cost to you!



Scrip will be on sale on Wednesday evenings during FF in the FF office from 6:30-7:45 pm..

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Total Catholic Education

We the people of St. Rose & St. Mary's are God's people formed in one Catholic faith community by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and we are committed to having:



- † *A vibrant school which provides excellence in learning.*
- † *Exciting and inspirational educational and liturgical opportunities for all ages for continuous faith formation.*
- † *The passion to be a community of people who willingly give of their time, talent and treasure.*
- † *A supportive, welcoming faith environment which has a mission to give witness to Jesus Christ so that we can live our lives to the fullest by serving the Kingdom of God.*

Faith Formation

Building & Room Use

Faith Formation shares the classroom space with SSRM School. Personal property of teachers and students are to be respected as if it were your own. Replacement of any intentionally damaged items falls on the responsibility of the individual, not the Faith Formation Office or Catechist.

Discipline

Rules are important for communities to effectively work together. We want Faith Formation to be a worthwhile experience for all participants, and we count on parental support by reinforcing the following rules:

1. Follow the directions.
2. Stay in your seat unless given permission to leave.
3. Raise your hand to speak and wait to be called upon.
4. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
5. Bring necessary book, folder, homework & atti-

Policies

tude to class.

6. Cell phones may not be used during class time unless directed by a Catechist. Cell phones may be confiscated when used without direction. They will be returned at the end of the evening.

Consequences:

- ◆ Catechists will remind participants of our rules when necessary.
- ◆ Three reminders in one evening will result in removal from class to the office where a parent will be called.
- ◆ After removal from the class, the student may not return without a parent present until such time determined by the , Coordinator and Catechist.

Faith Formation

Attendance

Students are expected to faithfully attend classes. Too many absences disrupt the faith development of the student as well as the class. If a student will be absent due to a long-term commitment or there are different custodial parent commitments to faith formation please speak with the appropriate Coordinator, so that missed content might be studied at home. Make up work may be assigned when a student is absent.

Absences

We want to make sure our students are safe! The Formation Office must be **notified of any absences by Wednesday at 5:15 pm**. Attendance will be taken and phone calls made to those unaccounted for.

Arrival & Dismissal

Arrival: 6:20 pm

Bell: 6:30

We expect students to arrive on time and ready to participate.

Dismissal: 7:45 pm

Policies

Activities scheduled at different times will be listed on the calendar.

Parking: Behind the school in the main lot. Catechist Parking in the front of the school only.

Please pick-up Primary Children in their classroom.

There is a lot of traffic in the parking lot.

Cancellations

If Clintonville schools or extra curricular activities are canceled, class will be canceled.

For current information regarding cancellations, please check local television stations and the parish website.

We will try to make the decision whether to cancel Faith Formation classes prior to the end of the school day so that we can notify the schools.

If we have classes on a night you are uncomfortable driving in the weather, please use your own judgement.

Diocesan Standards

The Catholic Diocese of Green Bay has set the following standards for the catechesis of young people:

1. **Knowledge of the Faith:** To prepare Christians to know, understand and integrate the foundational beliefs of the Catholic faith through Sacred Scripture, Tradition and teachings of the Magisterium.
2. **Liturgy and Sacraments:** To prepare Christians to understand and foster a full, active, and conscious participation in the celebration of the liturgy and the sacraments.
3. **Moral Formation in Jesus Christ :** To prepare Christians to grow in holiness and make good moral choices by being drawn into a deep personal relationship with Christ.
4. **Prayer:** To prepare Christians to come into communion with God by learning to pray with Christ.
5. **Community Life in the Church:** To prepare Christians to live in community and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church.
6. **Missionary Spirit:** To prepare Christians to participate in society as faith-filled disciples and to be able to witness their faith in word and deed.
7. **Safe Environment:** To help Christians realize that each person deserves to be loved and cared for and can help themselves stay safe.

Faith Formation at SSRM

At St. Rose & St. Mary's, we help our young people attain the Diocesan Standards via:



Weekly Sessions of Faith Formation

—a small group led by a certified adult catechist

Primary Grades 1-5 6:30-7:45 pm In School Classrooms	Edge Grades 6-8 6:30-7:45 pm In School Cafeteria
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Seekers & Disciples: Grades 9-11 6:30-7:45 pm
Worship Space and Parish Meeting Room



Large Group Activities

—to explore liturgy, prayer and the saints through song and story



Family Nights

—to provide support for families to fellowship and share faith together

Penance Services	Sacramental Prep Retreats
Ash Wednesday Liturgy	Stations of the Cross
Living Nativity	Holy Week

Retreats

to encourage young people to take time to reflect upon their relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

Retreats will be held for:

First Reconciliation:

First Eucharist:

Edge:

9th and 10th Graders

Confirmation Disciples (Juniors Only)



Youth Events

—to introduce young people to the larger Church

Green Bay Youth Conference (GGBYC)

B.L.A.S.T. Youth Group

Catholic Heart Work Camp

High School Evangelization Nights

Steubenville Youth Conference

WI Catholic Youth Rally

Youth Jam

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)



Service

—to foster a spirit of respect & responsibility to those less fortunate than ourselves

Age appropriate service is required for all



Parent Meetings

Are required for all families at the beginning of the Faith Formation year. Parents of children/youth receiving a sacrament during the faith formation year will have additional meetings.