

Christian Initiation for Children

What We Will Provide

- A warm and welcoming community where faith can be shared and nurtured.
- Catechetical sessions grounded in the teachings and spirit of Vatican II.
- Meaningful dismissal catechesis that helps connect Scripture to daily life.
- A prayerful and dedicated team who will accompany and support you throughout your journey.
- Joyful celebrations of the Church's rites, including:
 - Rite of Acceptance
 - Rite of Sending and Rite of Continuing Conversion
 - Penitential Rite and Scrutinies
 - Easter Vigil
 - Pentecost Celebration

What we Ask of You

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- Arrive promptly and participate fully in our family gatherings.
- Ensure regular attendance of children and teens at Sunday dismissal sessions.
- Attend family formation sessions with your Bible and program materials.
- Support the ongoing faith formation of children through Religious Education, Catholic school, Children's Christian Initiation, or the Confirmation process.
- Parents are encouraged to continue their own lifelong faith formation through opportunities such as adult faith formation programs, OCIA, Bible studies, parish missions, spiritual direction, Ignatian spirituality, and other parish offerings.
- Actively participate in family faith assignments and discussions at home.
- Be open to faith-sharing, prayer experiences, and spiritual growth.
- Attend special formation events, such as the Advent Assembly and Palm Sunday Retreat.
- Participate in the rites, blessings, and liturgical celebrations, which are typically celebrated at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.
- Develop and maintain an active prayer life, both individually and as a family.
- Practice Christian service by helping those in need through parish outreach and charitable activities, such as the Giving Bank, Parish Fair, and other service opportunities.
- Families are expected to learn and pray the basic prayers of our Catholic faith and teach them to their children:
 - Sign of the Cross
 - Our Father
 - Hail Mary
 - Glory Be
- Together, we will grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, deepen our relationship with God, and prepare to celebrate the sacraments with faith, joy, and commitment.
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