



St. Ann

Faith Formation Handbook

2024-25



"Let the Children Come to Me."

Matthew 19:14

Parish Mission Statement

"We, the parish family of St. Ann Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, exist to love God and one another, to grow in our personal relationships and in our Lord, and to strengthen our community through prayer and worship.

"As Christians, we are committed to reaching out to those in need in the larger southwestern Marion County area; and to demonstrate our concerns for the broader universal church and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in terms of sanctity of life, social justice, peace and love.

"Steeped in the traditional faith and Catholic heritage of our founding members, we pledge our individual talents to harmoniously work in Christ's image for the growth and betterment of our community.

"We accept the challenge of active stewardship of both our parish programs and property with time, talent and sacrificial giving and we pledge to preserve this legacy for future generations."

Faith Formation Commission

2024-25

Administrator – Fr. Jude Meril Christopher Sahayam

Coordinator of Faith Formation– Lucy Castaneda

Shelly Beauchamp

Kisch Elsenbroek

Cindy Barnes

Sally Brandenburg

Cindy Young

Ashley Gullifoy

Thomas Gullifoy

Responsibilities of Parents

1. Attend Mass with their children each Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation
2. Receive the Sacraments frequently
3. Attend parent meetings as required
4. Make sure their children attend Faith Formation Classes regularly and come prepared
5. Support the Coordinator of Religious Education/Youth Ministry

Responsibilities of Students

1. Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
2. Attend and participate in faith formation classes each Sunday
3. Complete homework assignments given by catechists
4. Display a Christian attitude towards your catechist and classmates
5. Attend Grade level retreats

Responsibilities of Catechists

1. Complete the Safe Parish training
2. Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days
3. Be in good standing with the Catholic Church
4. Attend catechist trainings/meetings toward certification
5. Be prepared for class.

OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Adults who are interested in joining the Catholic Church may attend classes to prepare for the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. These will be administered during the Easter Vigil. Catholic adults who need only Confirmation are encouraged to attend.

Classes meet every Monday. We will meet at St. Ann from September to December & at St. Thomas More from January to April.

Children's Sunday Morning Religious Education

Children in Kindergarten through grade 12 will meet each Sunday from 10:00-11:00 AM beginning Sept 8 and running through May 4. These classes are provided to help parents with their children's faith formation and religious education. High School youth are encouraged to participate in Confirmation classes if they are not yet confirmed. Please refer to the Remind App for updates on weather cancellations

First Communion

First Communion/First Reconciliation classes are prepared in the 2nd grade at the same time as the regular classes. See calendar for dates.

Missed Sacraments

Special classes are set up to prepare students who missed the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Reconciliation. Please contact Lucy Castaneda:

lcastaneda@stannindy.org or 317-821-2909

Attendance

It is very important in any educational program that students attend regularly to ensure their progress. This is especially true in a weekly religious program. Parental cooperation is anticipated to ensure that absentees are kept at a minimum.

If your child can only attend every other week, please contact your catechist so work may be made up.

Attendance in sacrament classes is essential (grade 2 and confirmation). If your child misses more than two class sessions per semester, please contact the catechist or coordinator for make-up time.

Retreats, field trips, or special days are just as important as class. We expect everyone to be present.

It is a common courtesy to contact the catechist or the office if a student is going to be absent.

Communication

Communication between the pastor, coordinator, catechist, and parents is essential. Email is the preferred means of communication, but please call the office at any time with questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Remind

In case of bad weather and emergency cancelations, please check your cell phone.

Curriculum

Pre/Kindergarten/First

Text: Pflaum: Promise

This is lectionary-based curriculum designed to teach Creation, Trinity, Jesus Christ, Church, Christian Morality, Sacraments, and the Kingdom of God along with seasonal themes on a developmental level through the weekly Sunday readings.

Prayers: Sign of the Cross, Guardian Angel, Glory Be, Grace Before Meals, Hail Mary, Our Father

Catechist: Cindy Barnes

Second Grade

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. This class follows a special curriculum book that each child will receive and use during class. The Mass is also explained.

Texts: Encounter with Christ: Reconciliation & Eucharist

Prayer: Prayer of Sorrow (Act of Contrition)

Catechist: Sally Brandenburg/Cindy Barnes

TBD- Reconciliation parent meeting

TBD- First Reconciliation/Sacrament @ St. Ann

TBD- First Communion parent meeting

TBD- First Communion parent retreat @ St. Ann

TBD -First Communion at 4 p.m. Mass @ St. Ann

Curriculum

Third/Fourth/Fifth Grades

Text: Pflaum-Good News

This is lectionary-based curriculum designed to teach Creation, Trinity, Jesus Christ, Church, Christian Morality, Sacraments, and the Kingdom of God along with seasonal themes on a developmental level through the weekly Sunday readings.

Prayer: Apostle's Creed

Catechists: Cindy Young / Kisch Eisenbroek

Retreat: TBA

Sixth/Seventh/Eighth Grades

This is a lectionary-based curriculum designed to teach Creation, Trinity, Jesus Christ, Church, Christian Morality, Sacraments, and the Kingdom of God along with seasonal themes on a developmental level through the weekly Sunday readings.

Text: Pflaum-Venture

Prayer: Memorare

Catechist: Shelly Beauchamp

Retreat-TBA.

Religious Education Fees

\$50.00 1 child

\$75.00 Per Family

If, for any reason, payment of fees is financially burdensome for your family, please contact the coordinator of religious education. Your child(ren)'s faith formation is of first importance. Children will not be denied access to the program for financial reasons.

Questions and Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns about the content of this handbook or if you would like more information about the Saint Ann religious education program, please contact Lucy Castaneda, Coordinator of Faith Formation at the parish office.

Thank you for enrolling your child(ren) in Saint Ann's religious education program. Please let us know how we are doing and how you would like to be a part of this important ministry to the children of our parish

Formed

Formed is an online annual subscription. To connect to, please go to the following site

www.formed.org

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Confirmation

Confirmation is a 1-year process beginning in 8th grade.

All 8th graders will participate in their regular 8th grade religious education class. All high school students will participate in the Confirmation curriculum. Services hours, a brief saint essay, attendance at a Sponsor/Candidate Day, and a retreat are completed.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be received in May of 2025

If your schedule is not conducive to this process, please contact Lucy Castaneda at lcastaneda@stannindy.org

Catechists: TBD

Policies

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Policy

Preschool through Grade 2

At the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education, we have instituted a drop-off and pick-up policy for all children in preschool through second grade. A parent or guardian (not an older brother or sister) is required to drop off and pick up their child(ren) at the classroom door each Sunday. There are many reasons for this policy, the most important being the safety of your child(ren).

If, because of extenuating circumstances (such as a restraining order), there is someone who is not permitted to pick up your child (regardless of grade), please notify the coordinator of religious education immediately. It would be prudent to inform your child(ren)'s catechist of the situation as well. We want to cooperate in keeping all children safe.

Schedules

FAITH FORMATION Calendar 2024-2025

Youth Group: 7th through 12 graders

Fall 2024

September	8	FF Classes Begin 10am-11am
	15	FF Classes 10am-11am
	22	FF Classes 10am-11am
	29	Visit The Shrine of Christ's Passion (10am-6pm)
October	6	FF Classes 10am-11am
	13	NO FF Classes (Fall Break)
	20	FF Classes 10am-11am
	26	Fall Festival Fundraiser (Confirmation participation required for service)
	27	FF Classes 10am-11am;
November	3	FF Classes 10am-11am
	10	FF Classes 10am-11am
	17	FF Classes 9-10:30 Thanksgiving Cards
	24	FF Classes 9-10:30
	24	FF Classes 10am-11am
December	1	FF Classes 10am-11am
	8	FF Classes 9-10:30
	12	Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration 6pm (Confirmation participation required for service)
	15	FF Classes 9-10:30; Winter Festival (Confirmation participation required for service)
	22	Dress Rehearsal
	24	Children's Christmas Mass @ 4pm (Confirmation participation required for service)
	29	NO FF Classes (Christmas Break)

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SPRING 2025

January	5	FF Classes 10am-11am	
	12	FF Classes 10am-11am	
	19	FF Classes 10am-11am	
	19	1st Communion Parent Meeting 10am	
	26	FF Classes 10am-11am	
February	2	FF Classes 10am-11am	
	9	FF Classes 10am-11am	
	16	NO FF Classes (President's Day)	
	22	1st reconciliation/Retreat 1pm-5pm (candidates only: includes Mass/lunch)	
	23	FF Classes 10am-11am	
March	2	FF Classes 10am-11am	
	8	Confirmation Retreat – 1pm-5pm (candidates only; includes Mass & lunch)	
	9	FF Classes 10am-11am	
	16	FF Classes	
	23	NO FF Class (Spring Break)	
	30	FF Classes 10am-11am	Youth Group (Mother's Day Fundraiser) after 9am Mass (Confirmation participation required for service)
April	6	FF Class 10am-11am	
	12	First Reconciliation/Communion Retreat/Mass Practice Students 12pm-3pm parent/sponsor 3pm-4pm	
	13	FF Class 10am-11am	
	20	NO FF Class (EASTER)	
	20	Easter Bags and pictures with Bunny	
	26	FIRST COMMUNION MASS @ 4pm	
	27	FF Class 10am-11am	
	27	Confirmation Candidates/Sponsor day 10am-11am	
May	4	LAST DAY of FF Classes 10am-11am *May Crowning before Mass* End of the year party!	
	18	Graduation Mass	

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OCIA Schedule, 2024-2025 Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Mondays - 6:30pm

Lessons based on [U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults](#)
Classes include a variation of mass, prayer, witness talks, lessons, discussions, and participation.

DATE	TOPIC	PRAYER	PRESENTER	LOCATION/TIME
Sept 9	Meet-N-Greet; Catechism, Bible, Folder, Missal walk-thru, etc.	Sign of the Cross	OCIA Team	St. Ann 6:30-8pm
Sept 16	God Loves Us ; Chapters 1,2	Our Father	Deacon Joe	St. Ann 6:30-8pm
Sept 23	The Mass Explained; Tour of the Church & Sacristy		Deacon Joe	St. Ann 6:30-8pm
Sept 30	Divine Revelation ; Ch. 3,6	Glory Be	Brian Disney	St. Ann 6:30-8pm
Oct 7	Our Blessed Mother ; Ch 12 Special Topic/Speaker	Hail Mary	Beth Leonard	St. Ann 6-8pm
Oct 14	I Believe in God ; Ch. 4,5	Creed	Mary Bohney	St. Ann 6:30-8pm
Oct 21	I Believe in Jesus Christ ; Ch. 7,8	Fatima Prayer	Dcn Joe	St. Ann 6:30-8pm
Oct 28	Communion of Saints: Last 4 Things ; ch 13		Pete Majeski	St. Ann 6:30-8pm
Nov 1	All Saints Day Mass (Holy Day)	Mass	Fr. Jude	12noon @ SA / 6:30pm STM
Nov 4	I Believe in the Holy Spirit ; Ch. 9		Pete Majeski	St. Ann 6:30-8pm
Nov 11	PRAYER ; Ch. 35,36 Special Topic/Speaker		Fr. Jim Farrell/TBD	St. Ann 6-8pm
Nov 18	I Believe in the Church ; Ch. 10,11		Dcn Joe	St. Ann 6:30-8pm
Dec 2	Liturgical Year/Advent/Christmas		Mary Bohney	St. Ann 6:30-8pm
Dec 8	Rite of Welcome/Acceptance	@ Mass	Fr. Jude	9am @ SA / 10:45 @ STM
Dec 9	Mary: Our Lady of Guadalupe		TBD	St. Ann 6:30-8pm
Dec 16	Christmas Season/Family Traditions		Brian Disney	St. Ann 6:30-8pm

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Jan 6	The Liturgy/Sacraments; Ch. 14	Liturgy of Hours	Brian Disney	STM 6:30-8pm
Jan 13	Special Topic/Speaker – “Seamless Garment of Life”		Alexander Mingus	STM 6-8pm
Jan 20	Baptism and Confirmation; Ch. 15, 16	Oils	Pete Majeski	STM 6:30-8pm
Jan 27	The Eucharist; Ch. 13	Adoration	Pete Majeski	STM 6:30-8pm
Feb 3	Sacraments of Healing; Ch. 18,19	Act of Contrition	Fr. Jude	STM 6:30-8pm
Feb 10	Marriage and Theology of the Body; Ch. 21		Dcn Joe	STM 6:30-8pm
Feb 17	Holy Orders; Ch. 20		Pete Majeski	STM 6:30-8pm
Feb 24	Lent/Almsgiving/Fasting		Dcn Joe	STM 6:30-8pm
Mar 5	Ash Wednesday Mass	Mass	Fr. Jude	12noon @ SA / 6:30pm STM
Mar 10	Sacramentals and Devotion; Ch. 22		Andy Murrey	STM 6:30-8pm
Mar 17	Life in Christ; Ch. 23,24		Dcn Joe	STM 6:30-8pm
Mar 23	1 st Scrutiny/Creed	@ Mass	Fr. Jude	9am @ SA / 10:45 @ STM
Mar 24	Love of God; Ch. 25-27		Mary Bohney	STM 6:30-8pm
Mar 30	2nd Scrutiny/Our Father	@ Mass	Fr. Jude	9am @ SA / 10:45 @ STM
Mar 31	Love of Family; Ch. 28, 30, 33		Pete Majeski	STM 6:30-8pm
Apr 6	3 rd Scrutiny	@ Mass	Fr. Jude	9am @ SA / 10:45 @ STM
Apr. 7	Love of Neighbor; Ch. 29, 31, 32, 34		Dcn Joe	STM 6:30-8pm
Apr 12	Retreat – The Paschal Mystery – Palm Sunday Mass		OCIA Team	STM 3-6:30pm
Apr 17	Holy Thursday (Last Supper)	Mass	Fr. Jude	St. Ann
Apr 18	Good Friday		Fr. Jude	St. Ann
Apr 19	Easter Vigil Practice/1 st Reconciliation		Dcn Joe/Fr Jude	STM 10am
Apr 19	EASTER VIGIL	Mass	Fr. Jude	STM 8pm
May 1	Catholic Social Teachings			STM 6:30-8pm
May 8	Missionary Discipleship			STM 6:30-8pm

Prayers

Preschool-1st Grade should know

Sign of the Cross

In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Angel of God

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love,
commits me here.
Ever this day
be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.
Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
Is now,
ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

Meal Prayer

Bless us, O Lord,
and these your gifts,
which we are about to receive
from your bounty,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Prayer 2nd Grade should know

Prayer of Sorrow (Act of Contrition)

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In His name, my God, have mercy.

Amen.

Prayer 3rd & 4th Grades should know

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried:
he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen

Prayers 5th & 6th Grades Should Know

Rosary

Prayers 7th & 8th Grades Should Know

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that any one who fled to your
protection, implored your help or sought your intercession
was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence,
I fly unto you, O virgin of virgins my Mother.
To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy hear and answer me.

Amen