



Saint Boniface Faith Formation 2021-2022 Information

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Welcome to the 2021-2022 Faith Formation year at Saint Boniface! We are looking forward to a wonderful year and are excited to be part of your family's faith journey. Here are some items to note:

Classes:

We offer Faith Formation classes for students in pre-kindergarten through ninth grade. Classes are held in the Faith Formation building on Sundays from 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Breaks for holidays will coincide with the Effingham County Schools schedule. Please see the 2021-2022 schedule for dates of classes/breaks.

Registration/Fees:

To register for Faith Formation classes, please submit:

- Registration form
Please complete one form for each child. Forms are available at the office, or online at www.sbcatholic.com.
- Baptismal certificate copy (if your child was baptized at a church other than St. Boniface)
- Registration fees
Fees for 2021-2022 are \$20 per child, with a maximum of \$50 per family. This covers the cost of books. Please return check or cash to the parish office,

New Curriculum for Kindergarten-Sixth Grade:

This year, students in kindergarten through sixth grade will be using the *Christ In Us* curriculum from Sadlier. This program utilizes both a text book and an online format, including an online parent portal to keep parents up to date on their child's Faith Formation classes.

Sacraments:

At Saint Boniface, students begin preparing for Confirmation in seventh grade. In eighth grade they complete many of the requirements for Confirmation, including service hours, a letter to the Bishop, and selection of a saint and sponsor. Confirmation takes place during the first semester of ninth grade; classes are taught in the fall and will be taught by Father Martino and the deacon candidates.

In the spring, special sacramental preparation classes will be held for students receiving First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion in 2022. These classes are in addition to the work for their regular Faith Formation class. A parent is required to attend these classes with their child. The sacramental preparation classes will take place on February 6, February 13, February 27, March 6, and March 13 during the regular class time (Sunday from 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.). They will be held in the parish hall and will be taught by Father Martino.

If your child will receive a Sacrament in 2021-2022, you will need complete the appropriate Sacrament form. These forms will available on the Saint Boniface website at www.sbcatholic.com after the start of classes.

Prayers:

During each grade of Faith Formation classes, new prayers are introduced to the students as part of the curriculum. We ask that parents practice these prayers with their students regularly. A list of prayers for each grade is available on the Saint Boniface website, and will also be sent home on the first day of class.

Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children:

Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children is a program that teaches age-appropriate lessons on touching safety and personal boundaries. The Diocese of Savannah requires that we include this program annually. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this program, please complete and return the opt-out form. If you would like your child to participate, no forms or further action is required.

Expectations of students:

- Dress modestly for class.
- Respect God, yourself, and others.
- Be on time and prepared for class each week.
- Submit assignments on time.
- No phone/electronics usage during class.
- No tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, or weapons on Saint Boniface premises.

Expectations of Parents:

We encourage parents to take an active role in their child’s faith formation by:

- Staying involved with faith formation classes by reviewing prayers and classwork with your child. Check the online parent portal regularly if you have a child in kindergarten-sixth grade. Communicate any concerns or special needs to your child’s teacher.
- Make sure your child is on time and prepared for class.
- Attend Mass regularly and pray together at home.

We are looking forward to a great year! If you have any questions, please contact Sara Folland, Director of Religious Education at (313) 570-7011 or DRE@sbatholic.com.