



Saint Boniface Catholic Church Faith Formation

2022-2023 Information

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Welcome to Faith Formation at Saint Boniface! We are excited to be part of your family's faith journey.

When are Faith Formation classes?

We offer Faith Formation classes for students in pre-kindergarten through ninth grade. Classes are held on Sundays from 9:45 a.m.—10:45 a.m. in the Faith Formation building.

We will begin the year with an Open House on Sunday, August 28, 2022. Regular classes begin on Sunday, September 11, 2022. The final class for the school year will be Sunday, May 7, 2023. Breaks for holidays coincide with the schedule at the Effingham County Schools.

How do I register my student(s)?

To register, please return:

Completed registration form (one per child).

Forms are available online at www.sbcatholic.com

Registration fees

The early registration fee is \$25, and is offered through August 15, 2022. After this date, the fee is \$50 per student. Please return cash or check to the Parish Office, the box in the parish hall entry, or mail to the address above.

Communication:

Please check your email during the school year for Faith Formation related news and updates. Also, if your child is in grades Kindergarten through sixth, their class utilizes the *Christ In Us* curriculum from Sadlier. This program includes both a textbook and online resources. Please look for an email with information about your parent portal for this program at the beginning of the year.

What do I need to know about preparing for Sacraments?

At Saint Boniface, students must complete two consecutive years of Faith Formation classes before receiving a Sacrament. At the Open House on August 28, parents of students who will receive a Sacrament during the 2022-23 year will need to complete the appropriate Sacrament form.

Confirmation:

Students in the Faith Formation program begin preparing for Confirmation in seventh grade. In eighth grade students complete 15 service hours, select their Confirmation sponsor, and write a report about their Confirmation Saint.

Confirmation takes place during the fall of ninth grade. Confirmation for 2022 will take place on Wednesday, November 30 at 6:00 p.m. Students attend classes taught by Father Martino on Sundays from September 11 through November 13.

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion:

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion begins after the new year. The date for First Holy Communion will be determined later in the year. There will be a parent meeting in January. Father Martino teaches three classes to the First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion students, which are held during the regular Faith Formation class time.

Prayers

Part of the Faith Formation curriculum includes a prayer list for each grade. We work with the students during the year on these prayers, and ask that parents practice with their children at home regularly as well. A prayer list for each grade will be available at the Open House.

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 the Empowering God’s Children program, you will need to complete and return the opt out form to the DRE. This form will be included with the information packets given at the Open House. If you would like your child to participate, no further action is required.

Expectations for students

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

Expectations for parents:

- Stay involved with your child’s faith formation classes by reviewing prayers and classwork with your child.
- Check your email for Faith Formation information.
- Check the online *Christ In Us* parent portal if your child is in Kindergarten-6th grade.
- Communicate any concerns or special needs to your child’s teacher.
- Make sure your child is on time and prepared for Faith Formation classes.
- Attend Mass regularly and pray together at home.

We are looking forward to a great year! Please contact Sara Folland, Director of Religious Education at DRE@sbcatholic.com if you have any questions or concerns.