



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

*Saint Mary's, Saints Mary & Martha,
Our Lady of the Snow, Good Shepherd*
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Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Registration for the 2023-2024 Faith Formation year is now open!

First, a big Thank You to all the parents and catechists who helped make the 2022-2023 Faith Formation year a success!

Auburn is blessed with two excellent Catholic Schools that offer top notch Catholic education, St. Albert the Great Academy (Pre-K-6) and Tyburn Academy (7-12). Bishop Matano highly recommends parents to consider having their children educated in a Catholic School. The Bishop considers this the best option for forming our young people in the faith.

For children and families unable to attend Catholic school, you are invited to participate in our parish faith formation programs. At the center of the vision for Faith Formation is the family. Parents have the awesome role and responsibility of being the first and most important teachers of their children. Nothing can replace the role of the parent in forming children in the faith. The role of the Faith Formation Office and the programs we offer is to support parents in fulfilling the promise they made at their child's baptism "to raise them up in the faith".

This year we are offering three programs with a focus on the age specific formation needs of our young people and families, including:

- a) *Pre-K (3&4)- **Allelu Homestudy Sheets***
- b) *Kindergarten – **Kindergarten Faith Club***
- c) *1st through 5th grade - **Family of Faith.***
- d) *6th and 7th grade – **Catholic Connections***

Sacraments

Children ready to receive First Penance/First Eucharist must be registered and attending a general catechetical program or in Catholic school. Once they are registered, a separate registration mailing for the sacraments will be sent in the early fall. Information for Confirmation can be found on the website or by contact the Faith Formation Office.

Communication

Finally, communication is paramount to ensure a great experience for all involved. We use REMIND text messaging and Constant Contact for email updates. Please make sure we have a working email and cell phone number.

If Catholic schools or these parish options do not work for your family, please contact the Faith Formation office to learn of other unique options that may be available. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Faith Formation office at 315-252-7593. We are here to serve you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
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