

Faith Formation Program Highlights

The information below highlights faith formation processes for children, young people, and families. As you discern your family's faith development, we hope that one or more of these options will meet your needs. If you have any questions about any of the processes, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Watch the bulletin and check the Adult Faith Formation tab at www.strobertchurch.org for opportunities, including

- That Man Is You
- Women's Book Club
- Women ALIVE
- Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.)
- Women's Spiritual Companions
- O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lively Seniors)

BIBLE & OTHER ADULT FAITH FORMATION STUDIES

- **Sunday Scriptures Reflections - Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 AM** – Read and reflect on the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday Eucharistic liturgy (Mass); meets year-round
- **Women's Great Adventure Bible Study – Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 AM** – September through May
- **Women's Bible Study – Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 AM** – September through May
- **The Great Adventure Continues – Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 AM or 6:30-8:30 PM** –September through May
- **The Bible Timeline – Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM** – September through May

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

BAPTISM: New and expecting parents are required to attend one baptism preparation session before scheduling their child's Sacrament of Baptism.

HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION: Students in second grade and older prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation. Learning takes place in weekly faith formation sessions, with at-home activities, and two one-day retreats.

CONFIRMATION: Students in eighth grade and older may prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN: Children ages 8-18 who have not been baptized are prepared for full initiation into the Catholic Church with the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Communion. They participate in weekly faith formation sessions at their grade level and participate in sacrament preparation sessions and the rites of the RCIA.

FORMATION OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

SUNDAY PRESCHOOL – Ages 3 to Kindergarten develop an awareness of God’s presence and love in their lives, their families, their community, and the world around them.

Session Options: Sunday during the 9:00 am or 11:00 am Masses

GRADE 2 – GO SEEK FIND – Children engage in activities to discover the learn about their Catholic faith through experiences of Prayer, Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, and Liturgy. Second graders also use *God’s Gifts* for preparation for the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation.

Session Options: Monday 5-6:15pm, Monday 6:45-8pm, Virtual Learning on Google Classroom

GRADE 1, 3, 4, 5 – DISCOVER! FINDING FAITH IN LIFE – Children learn best when they can be engaged on all levels—emotional, spiritual, and physical! This program is filled with exciting, energetic learning that will get kids out of their seats as they excitedly dive into the Bible and the teachings of the Church!

Session Options: Monday 5-6:15pm, Monday 6:45-8pm, Virtual Learning on Google Classroom

HOME FORMATION FOR GRADES 1-5 – GOSPEL WEEKLIES – An engaging, family-centered faith formation program centered on the Sunday liturgy.

FIRE – Family Inspired Religious Education invites families to gather together to explore and learn about the Catholic faith utilizing the Gospel Weeklies and parish-provided resources. Families may self-select their small faith communities or be placed in groups according to ages and interests of family members.

NEW FOR 2020-2021: FAMILY-CENTERED “RETREAT” – This home-centered “retreat” format provides families with resources to pray together to grow in their relationship with God and one another.

GRADES 6-7 – EDGE – EDGE nights are a combination of games, skits, talks, small groups, faith formation and fun. One unique aspect of **EDGE** is the fact that its focus is relational ministry. Each week participants break into small groups and dig deeper into that night’s topic. **EDGE** helps youth engage with the entire community by working with dedicated adult and **FRONTLINE** high school student leaders.

Session Options: Monday 6:45-8pm

GRADE 8 – PURPOSE – *Purpose* focuses on three big questions- “Why believe in God?” “Why trust Jesus?” and “Why belong to the Church?” This curriculum is designed to be kerygmatic with an emphasis on walking a teenager from an unfounded belief (or disbelief) in God toward a commitment to Jesus lived out through the Catholic Church.

Session: Sundays 4:15-5:45pm

GRADE 9-12 – SLICE - This ministry supports and encourages high school youth to develop a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ, family, and friends. It fosters involvement in church and community through prayer and worship, catechesis, service, and social activities.

Session Options: Sunday 7-8:30pm (retreats, service, and other activities are offered throughout the year)

GRADE 9-12 – BIBLE STUDY & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS – Throughout the year we will have various groups on Thursdays. Last year we did a 12 week Bible Study, a discussion group on discernment and a group on finding hope during messy times. We will offer a variety of different 5-8 week sessions that will be decided by our youth leadership team.

Session Options: Thursdays 3:30-5pm

SPECIAL NEEDS FAITH FORMATION Every effort is made to fully include all students with identified special needs. The information parents provide on the registration form helps us to identify the special needs of a child. Personalized resources will be developed and provided to fit the needs of each child.

NOTE: If you would like to receive offering envelopes for your children, please check “Yes” where indicated at the top of the registration form.

Registration Instructions

- You must be a registered parishioner of St. Robert of Newminster Parish to register for faith formation.
 - Complete Faith Formation Registration Form **in its entirety**, including medical treatment release, photo release, carpool/pick-up information, and ministry opportunities. ****Carpool/pick-up registrations must be submitted together as a group of families.**
 - Register each child using the session codes shown below. Students are placed in sessions on a first come, first served basis. **Later change requests are processed as new registrations.**
 - Children must be **3 years old by September 1** to enroll in the Sunday Preschool Program.
 - **Fees** (If your family is experiencing financial hardship, contact [Teri Burns](#), Director of Faith Formation, for scholarship information.)
 - **Tuition:**
 - **On-site or Virtual Learning** (Elementary, Middle School, High School)
 - \$35 per student if registered prior to August 31, 2020
 - \$45 per student if registered after September 1, 2020
 - **Sunday Pre-K & Home Formation**
 - \$25 per student if registered prior to August 31, 2020
 - \$35 per student if registered after September 1, 2020
 - **Sacrament Preparation:** (1st Communion or Confirmation)
 - \$20 per student if Sacrament Enrollment Form is received prior to August 31, 2020
 - \$30 per student if Sacrament Enrollment Form is received after September 1, 2020
- **Catechists may either waive the registration fees for their children or receive a stipend. You must still complete a registration form.**
- **Make checks payable to St. Robert Church**
 - **ONLINE PAYMENT:** You may make your payment with credit card [online](#) by clicking the online payment icon on the parish website: www.StRobertChurch.org. Either you may sign up for a new account, or you may select the “Quick Give” option to make a one-time payment of your Faith Formation Registration Fee. After choosing one of these options, follow the prompts to select the appropriate fee and make your payment.
- Submit completed registration form:
 - Email completed form to FaithFormation@StRobertChurch.org
 - **OR** Print the completed form
 - Drop it off to the Faith Formation Office
 - Mail to: Faith Formation Office, St Robert Church, 6477 Ada Drive SE Ada MI 49301

FAITH FORMATION SESSION CODES

****NOTE: If we are unable to provide on-site sessions, those students choosing on-site will automatically switch to virtual learning.**

Grade	Sun 4:15-5:45 pm	Mon 5-6:15 pm	Mon 6:45-8 pm	Virtual Learning
Grades 2 – Go Seek Find	not available	MA	ME	VL
Grade 1, 3, 4, 5 – Discover!	not available	MA	ME	VL
Grades 6-7 – EDGE	not available	not available	ME	not available
Grade 8 – Purpose	SA	not available	not available	not available
Sunday Preschool (ages 3-kindergarten)	Sunday 9 am = 9AM		Sunday 11 am = 11AM	
Home Formation – Gospel Weeklies	HOME			
Family Inspired Religious Education	FIRE			
Family-Centered “Retreat”	RETREAT			
Special Needs Tutoring	SN			
Grades 9-12 –SLICE	HS SLICE			
Grades 9-12 – Bible Study	HS BIBLE			

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FAMILY INFORMATION

**** OFFICE USE ONLY ****

Initials _____

Date Received _____ Order Received _____

Tuition due: _____ Tuition paid: _____

Sacrament Fee due: _____ Sacrament Fee paid: _____

How paid: Check Cash Online w/ Credit Card

Online Giving: <https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1094>

Registered Parishioner Yes No Parent is a Catechist Yes No
 We would like to receive offering envelopes for our children Yes No

☑ Please check any information that needs to be updated in our system.

Family Last Name		
Father's First-Middle-Last Name		
Mother's First-Middle-Maiden-Last Name		
Address		
City	State MI	Zip
Home Phone	Emergency Phone	
Mother's Email	Father's Email	
Mother's Mobile	Father's Mobile	
Mother's Work	Father's Work	
Emergency Contact	Emergency Contact Phone	
Custodial Guardian, if other than parents listed above		

CARPOOL/PICK-UP AUTHORIZATION *Submit carpool/pick-up family registrations together.*

List the families with whom your child(ren) may be dismissed:	
Family Name	Family Phone
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FIRE: FAMILY INSPIRED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (OPTIONAL)

Please place us randomly in FIRE with other families that share our children's ages, grades and schools. We would like to participate in FIRE with the following family/families:

Family Last Name	Parent(s) Name(s)

**** PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION COMPLETELY ****

CHILD 1

Legal First Name		Middle Name	Nickname	Last Name
Age	Birthdate		Grade (as of 9/1/20)	Sex Male Female
School				
Check Sacrament(s) for requested preparation: <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> First Communion <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation				
Sacramental Information (Please provide the date & location for all Sacraments your child has received):				
Baptism		Communion		Confirmation
Date:		Date:		Date:
Location:		Location:		Location:
Session Choices: (see Session Choice Codes on page 3) First Choice Second Choice				
**NOTE: If we are unable to provide on-site sessions, those students choosing on-site will automatically switch to virtual learning.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration Fee: On-site or Virtual Home Formation ~ \$35 before Aug 31 ~ \$25 before Aug 31 ~ \$45 after Sept 1 ~ \$35 after Sept 1		<input type="checkbox"/> Sacrament Preparation Fee: \$20 before Aug 31 \$30 after Sept 1		Total: \$

CHILD 2

Legal First Name		Middle Name	Nickname	Last Name
Age	Birthdate		Grade (as of 9/1/20)	Sex Male Female
School				
Check Sacrament(s) for requested preparation: <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> First Communion <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation				
Sacramental Information (Please provide the date & location for all Sacraments your child has received):				
Baptism		Communion		Confirmation
Date:		Date:		Date:
Location:		Location:		Location:
Session Choices: (see Session Choice Codes on page 3) First Choice Second Choice				
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CHILD 3

Legal First Name		Middle Name	Nickname	Last Name
Age	Birthdate		Grade (as of 9/1/20)	Sex Male Female
School				
Check Sacrament(s) for requested preparation: <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> First Communion <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation				
Sacramental Information (Please provide the date & location for all Sacraments your child has received):				
Baptism		Communion		Confirmation
Date:		Date:		Date:
Location:		Location:		Location:
Session Choices: (see Session Choice Codes on page 3) First Choice Second Choice				
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CHILD 4

Legal First Name		Middle Name		Nickname		Last Name	
Age	Birthdate		Grade (as of 9/1/20)		Sex Male Female		
School							
Check Sacrament(s) for requested preparation: <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> First Communion <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation							
Sacramental Information (Please provide the date & location for all Sacraments your child has received):							
Baptism		Communion			Confirmation		
Date:		Date:			Date:		
Location:		Location:			Location:		
Session Choices: (see Session Choice Codes on page 3) First Choice Second Choice							
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CHILD 5

Legal First Name		Middle Name		Nickname		Last Name	
Age	Birthdate		Grade (as of 9/1/20)		Sex Male Female		
School							
Check Sacrament(s) for requested preparation: <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> First Communion <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation							
Sacramental Information (Please provide the date & location for all Sacraments your child has received):							
Baptism		Communion			Confirmation		
Date:		Date:			Date:		
Location:		Location:			Location:		
Session Choices: (see Session Choice Codes on page 3) First Choice Second Choice							
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CHILD 6

Legal First Name		Middle Name		Nickname		Last Name	
Age	Birthdate		Grade (as of 9/1/20)		Sex Male Female		
School							
Check Sacrament(s) for requested preparation: <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> First Communion <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation							
Sacramental Information (Please provide the date & location for all Sacraments your child has received):							
Baptism		Communion			Confirmation		
Date:		Date:			Date:		
Location:		Location:			Location:		
Session Choices: (see Session Choice Codes on page 3) First Choice Second Choice							
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PHOTO RELEASE

I understand that through their participation in this program, my child(ren) listed on this registration may be photographed for use in promotion of diocesan programs.

As parent/legal guardian, I ___ DO GIVE ___ DO NOT GIVE permission for my child(ren) photographed during this program.

Parent Signature	Date		
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MEDICAL TREATMENT RELEASE

As a parent/legal guardian, I do hereby authorize first aid/medical treatment of my child in the event of an emergency, which may endanger his/her life, cause disfigurement, physical impairment, or undue discomfort if delayed. I understand that efforts will be made to reach me as soon as reasonably possible. In the event that the aforementioned required my authorization for treatment and I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the activity leader to hospitalize, secure medical treatment, and/or order an injection, anesthesia or surgery for the aforementioned as deemed necessary.

I understand that all reasonable safety precautions will be taken at all times by the parish and its agents during faith formation programs. I understand the possibility of unforeseen hazards and know the inherent possibility of risk. I agree not to hold St Robert of Newminster Parish, its leaders, employees, drivers, volunteers, or the Roman Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids liable for damages, losses, diseases, or injuries incurred by the aforementioned.

Name of child(ren)	Relationship to you
Reason for which release is intended (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Faith Formation Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Choir	
Address of child	Home Phone
Parent Name	Mobile Phone
Family Physician	Physician Phone
Physician Address/City/State/Zip	
List allergies, current medications, glasses/contacts, physical/mental/learning disabilities, dietary needs, or other pertinent information:	
Health Insurance Information:	
Company	Policy #
Group #	Contact #

This release form is completed and signed of my own free will with the sole purpose of authorizing medical treatment under emergency circumstances in my absence.

Check if applicable: I certify that I am (**check one**) ___ **Custodial Parent** ___ **Legal Guardian** of the minor child(ren) named above, and I agree to the above terms for myself and for my minor child(ren).

Parent Signature	Date		
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