



**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

# The Call to Holiness in the Family

## GENERATIONS OF FAITH 2018—2019

“We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves.”

- Pope Francis, Rejoice and Be Glad

### 2018-2019 GOF SCHEDULE

- Welcome to **GENERATIONS OF FAITH (GOF)**—the Church of Saint Ann’s faith family formation program with children in grades 1 –8. The program creates eight opportunities for families (parents, teens and children) to learn and pray together, forming habits that will lead them to grow in their relationship with God, and the Church, the People of God.
- Faith formation takes place within the context of a **FAMILY** and the **COMMUNITY OF FAITH**—“You can build it, we can help.” GOF is a partnership between families and the Church. We accommodate the entire family in each session in age appropriate learning experiences.
- ◆ Through a structured program, we **EXPLORE OUR CATHOLIC FAITH** and our call as disciples of Jesus who serve the mission of the Church. The children use *Alive in Christ* from Our Sunday Visitor as their curriculum. This year parents will be exploring Pope Francis’ Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice & Be Glad). At each session all explore a topic. Parents, in their session, are given the tools/resources they need to live their faith in their homes and teach their children. The parish provides support and guidance for the home.
- ◆ Families come together at each session, share a meal and are introduced to a theme. Adults, teens and children move to a room for the learning experience, after the session ends everyone returns for prayer and announcements. Each session lasts for approximately two and one half hours. Families continue the conversation at home supported by resources from the parish and online materials from the *Alive in Christ* curriculum.

#### **SEPTEMBER—GOD AND REVELATION.**

Saturday Sept 15, 9:30 a.m., Sunday Sept, 16 at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday Sept 30 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **OCTOBER—THE TRINITY.**

Sunday Oct 14 at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, Oct 20 at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Oct 21 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **NOVEMBER—JESUS, WORD MADE FLESH.**

Sunday, Nov 4 at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, Nov 10 at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday, Nov 11 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **DECEMBER—THE CHURCH.**

Saturday, Dec 1 at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec 2 at 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, Dec 9 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **JANUARY— FAMILY LIFE.**

Saturday, Jan 12 at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Jan 13 at 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, Jan 27 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **FEBRUARY— SOCIAL JUSTICE/MORALITY.**

Saturday, Feb 9 at 9:30 a.m., Sunday Feb 10 at 5:00 p.m., and Sunday Feb 24 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **MARCH— SACRAMENTS (AND LITURGY).**

Saturday March 9 at 9:30 a.m., Sunday March 10 at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday March 24 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **APRIL— THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

Saturday April 6 at 9:30 a.m., Sunday April 7 at 5:00 p.m., and Sunday April 28 at 5:00 p.m.

**Pick Your Day** - Saturday or Sunday.

**Choose Your Time** - Saturday 9:30 a.m. or Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

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## **First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Sacrament Preparation**

The specific preparation for a child's reception of Reconciliation and Eucharist will rest primarily with the family. The sacraments will be discussed in the children's session but because of the multi-aged classrooms specific preparation cannot be done.

Dynamic Catholic has a web based program called Blessed that comes highly recommended. This is the same publisher we use for Confirmation preparation. Parents are encouraged to use this program to prepare their children.

[dynamiccatholic.com/blessed/parent-program](http://dynamiccatholic.com/blessed/parent-program), offers parents the opportunity to register to receive one weekly email with a lesson to watch with their child. This makes it easy for parents to journey along with their child as they prepare to receive the graces of the sacraments.

### **Dates to Remember**

Tuesday, Oct 2nd Reconciliation Parent Meeting  
Community Room 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov 10th First Holy Communion Child  
& Parent Retreat St. Ann's School Gym 10:30 a.m.  
to 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec 12th First Reconciliation Penance  
Service 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan 15th First Holy Communion Parent  
Meeting Community Room 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1st Practice for 10:00 a.m. Mass  
Community Room 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 2nd Practice for 12:00 p.m. Mass  
Community Room 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4th First Holy Communion Masses  
at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

There will be the option to receive during the Sun-  
day Liturgy on April 28th at the 12:30 p.m. Mass  
and on May 5th at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

## **Confirmation 7th & 8th Grade Sacrament Preparation**

The preparation for Confirmation is a two year period of preparation usually beginning in 7th grade.

All Religious Education students use Dynamic Catholic—Design Point and Loyola Press—Called to Be Catholic (7th grade) and Confirmed in the Spirit (8th grade)

Design Point is web based so the candidates can continue to explore the sacrament independently and with their families.

The preparation is multifaceted and includes discernment, service, and prayerfulness (retreat).

### **Dates to Remember**

Tuesday, Sept 25th 7th Grade Parent Meeting  
Community Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct 16th 8th Grade Parent Meeting  
Community Room 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct 21st or 28th 7th Grade Rite of  
Commitment during 9:30 a.m. (choose one)

Sunday, Nov 4th or 11th 8th Grade Rite of Name  
& Sponsor Acceptance during 9:30 a.m. (choose  
one)

Friday, Dec 7th 8th Grade Candidate & Sponsor  
Retreat 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan 21st MLK Day of Service

Wednesday, May 15th Practice for 4:00 p.m. Ser-  
vice Community Room 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 16th Practice for 6:00 p.m.  
Service Community Room 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 17th Confirmation Services at  
4:00 pm or 6:00 p.m.