

# Faith Formation Schedule 2023-24

*Family-centered Faith Formation* includes the formation of both parents and students. Attendance at class meetings is essential for student formation in our Catholic faith and for parents to be assisted with fulfilling their role as the primary catechists of their children.

**Sacramental PARENTS:** Parents of students registered in Level 2, SEAS School 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class, Children's Catechumenate, PRE-Confirmation, Confirmation will meet for parent-focused catechesis on the following Sundays— 10-11 a.m.

Sept. 17; Oct. 8; Nov. 12; Dec. 10; Jan. 21; Feb. 25; March 24; April 14

**Faith Journeys PARENTS:** Parents of students registered in Kindergarten, Levels 1, 3, 4, 5, and Middle School (6,7,8) will meet for parent-focused catechesis on the following Sundays— 10-11 a.m.

Oct. 1; Nov. 5; Dec. 3; Jan. 14; Feb. 4; March 3; April 7

**Sacramental STUDENTS:** Students registered in Level 2, Children's Catechumenate, PRE-Confirmation, Confirmation will meet for class on the following Sundays— 10-11:15 a.m.

Sept. 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 15; Nov. 5, 12; Dec. 3, 10, 17;  
Jan. 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 25; March 3, 24; April 7, 14

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Oct. 1, 8, 15; Nov. 5, 12; Dec. 3, 10, 17;  
Jan. 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 25; March 3, 24; April 7, 14

## **Sacramental Celebrations:**

First Reconciliation Service—Monday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil—Saturday, March 30, 8 p.m.

First Communion at St. Elizabeth—April 20/21; at Our Lady of the Snows—April 21

\*\*Confirmation—Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m. (\*\*date pending Archbishop approval\*\*)

*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
& Our Lady of the Snows Chapel*

# Family-centered Faith Formation

2023 - 2024

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**[Register online: www.faithjourneys.net/registration](http://www.faithjourneys.net/registration)**

**by Wednesday, August 30, 2023.**

**Faith Formation Registration Fee: \$100 per family.**

**\*Sacramental Fee: +\$50 additional fee for each child who is receiving a Sacrament within this school year. The \$50 fee is required for students in**

**Level 2 (First Reconciliation/First Communion),  
Children's Catechumenate, and Confirmation classes.**

# 2023 - 2024 Family-centered Faith Formation

## Faith Journeys:

Family-centered/classroom-enhanced faith formation for families with children in grades K-8. Faith Journeys is a family-centered program focused on providing families and caregivers personal mentorship and support. Faith Journeys is designed to help your family grow in faith together. If you find it supportive, your family will be matched with a volunteer Family Guide. You are encouraged to attend monthly scheduled parent gatherings to grow in the faith through community. At the same time, your children can attend in-class catechesis with trained, volunteer catechists who will help enhance your child's understanding of our faith as they get to know friends within our parish family. Volunteer Family Guides will guide parents/caregivers through a family learning path and resources that will best support your family's individual needs. The Faith Steps you walk with your family are designed to deepen your understanding of and live out your faith while offering your children motivation, accountability, and recognition for each step they take. Depending on volunteer availability, we will have a Nursery available during Parent Gatherings. *(Participation in Faith Journeys in 1st or 2nd grade fulfills the Level 1 requirement for Level 2 Sacramental preparation.)*

**Faith Journeys Parent Gatherings** are on Sundays, 10-11 a.m.:

Oct. 1; Nov. 5; Dec. 3; Jan. 14; Feb. 4; March 3; April 7

*See full Faith Formation Schedule on back page for all Faith Journey student class meeting dates.*

## \*Level 2 First Reconciliation/First Communion Class:

Includes 2nd and 3rd graders who have completed the Level 1 requirement, but have not yet made their Sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Communion. If your child is a 2nd grader but has not completed the Level 1 Faith Formation class prior to this year, he/she should register for "Faith Journeys" so that he/she receives a Level 1 foundation of our Catholic faith prior to registering next year in our Level 2 Class.

**Sacramental Parent Gatherings** are on Sundays, 10-11 a.m.:

Sept. 17; Oct. 8; Nov. 12; Dec. 10; Jan. 21; Feb. 25; March 24; April 14

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## \*Children's Catechumenate Class:

Students in 3rd grade or above who have NOT yet completed Level 1 and have not yet received First Reconciliation/First Communion may be placed in the Children's Catechumenate Class.

**Sacramental Parent Gatherings** are on Sundays, 10-11 a.m.:

Sept. 17; Oct. 8; Nov. 12; Dec. 10; Jan. 21; Feb. 25; March 24; April 14

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## High School & Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation:

Following the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau, our Confirmation preparation is a 2-year program. To enroll in our Confirmation Class, students are required to have completed our high school PRE-Confirmation Requirement and must be turning at least 16-years-old or be at least a sophomore in high school within the academic year they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Students preparing for Confirmation are required to attend all student classes and the PRE-Confirmation/Confirmation Retreat each year of preparation for the Sacrament.



*(PRE-Confirmation Requirement: The requirement to enter our Confirmation Class is met by completing our PRE-Confirmation Class or by being enrolled in an Archdiocese Catholic high school.)*

## PRE-Confirmation Class:

Students in 9th, 10th, or 11th grades who have not completed our PRE-Confirmation Requirement.

**Sacramental Parent Gatherings** are on Sundays, 10-11 a.m.:

Sept. 17; Oct. 8; Nov. 12; Dec. 10; Jan. 21; Feb. 25; March 24; April 14

Each Pre-Confirmation Candidate and a parent must meet with Theresa Austin prior to accepted enrollment. *See Faith Formation Schedule on back page for all Sacramental Student class dates.*

## \*Confirmation Class:

Students in 10th, 11th, or 12th grades. To enroll in the Confirmation Class, students must have completed our PRE-Confirmation Class or be enrolled in an Archdiocese Catholic high school, and must be turning at least 16-years-old or be at least a sophomore in high school within the year that they will receive their Sacrament of Confirmation.

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## High School Faith Fellowship:

This fellowship class is open to High School students who are interested in growing together in virtue and further exploring questions of faith. Students will be led through a curriculum designed distinctly for separated male and female fellowship groups. The groups will meet on Sunday afternoons, outside of regular Faith Formation class time. Group input will be used to develop meeting schedule. This class/discussion-based group is not a substitute for required Confirmation preparation, nor is having received the sacrament of Confirmation a requirement to participate. This class will be offered if there proves to be enough interest from high schoolers and adult volunteer leaders through the registration process. More specific information will be provided in September to those who register.