

OUR PROGRAMS

KINDERGARTEN | GOD MADE THE WORLD

Inspires wonder and marvel at God's world.

PROGRAM ONE | GOD LOVES US

Invites young believers into a personal encounter with God.

PROGRAM TWO | AT JESUS' TABLE *NEW*

Excellent prep for Reconciliation and Communion.

PROGRAM THREE | WE ARE THE CHURCH

Emphasis is placed on the role of the Holy Spirit.

PROGRAM FOUR | GOD'S LAW GUIDES US

Explores the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes in-depth.

PROGRAM FIVE | WE MEET JESUS IN THE SACRAMENTS

Presents descriptions of the Sacraments as signs in which Jesus meets with us.

PROGRAM SIX | WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE

Invites young believers into a deeper understanding of God's Word in the Bible.

CALL TO CELEBRATE: CONFIRMATION *NEW*

A thoughtful study on the Holy Spirit and missionary discipleship for students preparing for Confirmation.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS - 4 PART SERIES

Live Jesus in Our Hearts

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

A good overview of the faith for those who have not had instruction through previous grades.

FIRST COMMUNION & FIRST RECONCILIATION

At Jesus' Table is a new program written to prepare children for the Sacraments of First Communion and First Reconciliation. Divided into eight simple units, this program uses videos and a set of worksheets.

CONFIRMATION

Call to Celebrate: Confirmation is a thoughtful study inviting young people to deepen their relationship with God, strengthen their faith and connect to their whole faith community.

INVITED BY CHRIST

Invited By Christ is a seven-step (lessons) sacramental preparation program leading older children (grades 4-6) on a journey to encountering Christ in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.



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PROGRAMS FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT
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OVERVIEW

- Programs are usually completed in 3 to 4 months. (Although there is flexibility in these timelines.)
- The worksheets accompanying the texts highlight what is important in each chapter.
- Children are assigned a facilitator who reads and responds to your child's work.
- If you have needs, concerns, or questions, contact your facilitator by phone or email.
- A progress report is sent to your pastor periodically.
- When the course is completed, each child receives a certificate and your parish is notified.



STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

PROGRAMS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED "HOMEWORK."

- Read with your child.
- Younger children may need you to scribe some of their answers.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS WHAT WAS LEARNED BEFORE ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS.

- Read through the whole lesson first. The lessons will contain answers to questions.

SEND LESSONS IN 3 OR 4 AT A TIME.

- Make sure your child's name is on all worksheets. Send work in on a regular basis (once or twice a month).
- Use the Achievement Tracker to stay on track.

SHARE YOUR FAITH!

- Pray often with your child. Before or after a lesson, at meals, and bedtime are all good times to pray!
- Feel relaxed; enjoy the time together.
- Show them how you **live** what is learned.

PREPARING FOR A SACRAMENT?

If your child is preparing to receive any Sacrament you will need to contact your Parish to make the actual arrangements for the reception of the Sacrament.

Be sure to ask about any special meetings or retreats that the parish may host.

A FINAL THOUGHT...

While programs are available for sacramental preparation, we strongly encourage parents to consider **ongoing faith development.**

We know that grace is not poured into us as a one-time event during the reception of a sacrament.

In a special way, God's life is shared with us in a sacramental encounter - but God's life continues to **grow in us day by day, year by year**, as we nurture this amazing gift of God's life in us.