



## Saint Lawrence Faith Formation Program Options, Curriculums and Requirements

### Grades 1 – 5

**Option I.** Sunday Morning Family Faith Formation Program: Classes meet on Sundays, ~September-April, 9:00-10:15 AM (between the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses). **One parent/guardian/grandparent must attend the Parent Group offered at the same time.** Classes DO NOT meet the last Sunday of each month.

Curriculum: Ignatius Press *Faith and Life Series*

**Option II.** Tuesday Afternoon Program: Classes meet on Tuesdays, ~September-April, 4:00-5:00 PM. Class sizes limited to ~12 students to ensure manageability.

Curriculum: Ignatius Press *Faith and Life Series*

**Option III.** 'Home' Family Faith Formation Program: September-May independent home-education curriculum using parish-provided texts/assessments. Required attendance at Fall Opening Meeting and Spring Closing Meeting. Must have completed one year in parish program prior to enrolling.

Curriculum: RCL-Benziger *Faith First At Home*

### Grades 6 – 8

**Option I.** Sunday Morning Family Faith Formation Program: see details above

Grade 6 Curriculum: Ignatius Press *Faith and Life Series*

Grades 7/8 Curriculum: Ascension Press *Chosen (faith formation edition)*

**Option II.** Sunday Evening Program: Classes meet ~two Sundays per month, 6:00-7:30 PM.

Grade 6 Curriculum: Ignatius Press *Faith and Life Series*

Grades 7/8 Curriculum: Ascension Press *Chosen (faith formation edition)*

**Option III.** 'Home' Family Faith Formation Program: see details above

### Sacramental Preparation

For children enrolled in the Tuesday and Sunday Programs, preparation takes place during regularly scheduled class meeting time.

For children enrolled in the 'Home' Family Faith Formation Program, the following preparation is *in addition to* the requirements set forth in those guidelines (day preference pending availability):

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade/First Eucharist:** Six weeks in spring (Sunday 9-10:15am OR Tuesday 4-5pm)

Curriculum: Our Sunday Visitor *Called To His Supper Revised & The Mass Book for Children*

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade/First Reconciliation:** Six weeks in fall (Sunday 9-10:15 am OR Tuesday 4-5pm)

Curriculum: Our Sunday Visitor *Making Things Right Revised*

## Saint Lawrence Parish Faith Formation Program

*“The futures of the world and of the Church pass by way of the family.” St. John Paul II*

Parents are the first and foremost educators of their children. The St. Lawrence Faith Formation Program seeks to assist, encourage, and empower parents in this venerable responsibility bestowed on them. In particular, our primary goal is to provide a religious education framework that will complement the Catholic Christian formation already being fostered in the family life of the home and experienced in the liturgical celebration of the Mass. Our curriculum is designed to support, enhance, and develop the spiritual, intellectual, and moral formation of both parents and their children.

### Tuesday Afternoon Program Requirements:

- Grades 1-5
- Classes meet on Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM
- Regular Mass attendance
- Signed [Participation Covenant](#)

### Sunday Evening Program Requirements:

- Grades 6-8
- Classes meet on Sundays, generally every other week, 6:00-7:30 PM
- Regular Mass attendance
- Signed [Participation Covenant](#)

### Sunday Morning Family Program Requirements:

- Grades 1-8
- Classes meet on Sundays, 9:00-10:15 AM (between the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses). Classes DO NOT meet the last Sunday of each month (and generally not during school vacations, etc.).
- **During the child’s class time, at least one parent/guardian/grandparent must attend the Parent Group as this program is offered as our “Family” formation program. This is an informal supportive group dedicated to helping parents deepen their own faith in order to model a life of faith for their children.**
- Regular Mass attendance
- Signed [Participation covenant](#)

### At-Home Family Program Requirements:

- **Must have attended one year in parish program prior to enrolling**
- **PARENTAL responsibility as PRIMARY EDUCATOR**
- Grades 1-8
- First year ‘probation’ to ensure effectiveness/quality of program
- Regular Mass attendance
- Signed [Participation Covenant](#)
- Must attend all Sacramental Prep meetings, classes, retreats, and rehearsals at the parish
- Must submit completed student assessments/unit reviews at close of year
- Must attend Fall Opening Meeting and Spring Closing Meeting
- Assessment Criteria: review of student texts/assessments/unit reviews, knowledge of Catholic prayer appropriate to grade level (Liturgy of the Mass, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition)