

St. Francis of Assisi
Parish

FAITH FORMATION

Rev. April 2019

Class Information Line:
Call to report student absence or
for class cancellation
announcements
433-1013 ext. 1022

Faith Formation Team

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Adult Faith Formation
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Baptism Preparation
Social Action

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ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Sessions for Grades 1-5
First Reconciliation Preparation
First Eucharist Preparation
Sunday Nursery
Liturgy of the Word with Children

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Coordination with Junior High Youth Minister
TNT Twenties and Thirties

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General Information

ADMISSION POLICIES

There is no discrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin or handicapping conditions. All are welcome.

CHILD PROTECTION DECREE

The program administrators are required by the Ohio Revised Code and Archdiocesan Policy on Child Protection to report suspected or actual child abuse or neglect to the proper authorities. All volunteers and staff receive training in accordance with the Archdiocesan Decree on Child Protection.

CLASS CANCELLATION

In case of inclement weather or any other reason for class cancellation, teachers will try to notify the parents of students. Class cancellation will also be announced on the Class Information Line, 433-1013, ext. 1022. Class cancellations will also be announced on local TV stations and through MyParish App. When there is inclement weather, our classes are cancelled based on the condition of the roads and the readiness of the parish facilities for classes, NOT area school closings.

DISCIPLINE CODE

Every student enrolled in St. Francis of Assisi Faith Formation program has the right to a quality education. This can only be accomplished in an environment where students and catechists respect each other's rights. Disruptive behavior on the part of the student in the classroom, or before or after classes cannot be tolerated. If a situation develops where we feel the need for parental involvement, you will be contacted. Our emphasis, however, will remain on the positive behavior of our students as we work together to learn and live our Faith.

DRESS CODE

Students will dress in an appropriate manner consistent with the Christian atmosphere of the parish. Brief and revealing clothing are not appropriate apparel in Faith Formation classes.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

To report the absence of a student, please call 433-1013, ext. 1022. Leave the first and last name, and grade level. The volunteer desk workers will call those absent on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, or Saturday unless we have been notified before class. If they arrive 15 minutes after start time, they need to report to the desk person in the Parish Office. Parents must send a note for an early dismissal and go to class for student pick-up.

EARLY DISMISSAL/LATE ARRIVAL

Students who need to leave class before dismissal **must** bring a note from their parent/guardian indicating the time they will be picked up, the reason for the early dismissal, and who will be picking the student up if it is other than the parent or guardian. The responsible adult will meet the student at the classroom at the designated time. No student will be released early from the class at any time, unless an adult accompanies him. Arriving late and/or leaving early are very disruptive to the learning process. If another activity requires a student to consistently arrive late or leave early, home schooling for the duration of the activity is suggested.

EMAIL

We are trying to go paperless. Family email information is requested to facilitate communication. This information is not shared with groups outside the parish. Please inform the Faith Formation Office if you change your email address.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Generations of Faith gatherings prepare us to celebrate liturgical or parish events with better understanding and more meaningful participation. Everyone is invited-singles, teens, families, children and Keenagers! Each gathering includes time to get to know other parishioners and explore our personal faith. Participants find answers to the question, "Why do Catholics do that?" and parents learn about faith together with their children.

HOME STUDY PROGRAM

We offer a way for you to teach your child in grades 1-8 at home. With registration, you receive a student text, parent support, and other resource helps. The Coordinators of Elementary Faith Formation and Junior High Youth Ministry are available for help or questions. Home School includes participation in at least one Generations of Faith gathering, which will be announced in the fall. Home School children (Grades 1-3) are especially encouraged to come to the Liturgy of the Word with Children.

Archdiocese of Cincinnati Guidelines:

- a. *Growing Together: Ministry to Children, the Graded Course of Study for Early Childhood and Elementary Catechetical Programs and Growing Together: Adolescent Religious Education, a Manual for Parish and School Programs* have been approved by the Archdiocesan Commission on Education and originally promulgated by Archbishop Pilarczyk as the official content to be followed for all early childhood, elementary and high school catechesis in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Anyone assuming the role of catechist for children or youth is expected to follow the content outlined in these documents.
- b. Parents are invited to use the Archdiocesan Media Center (located in Cincinnati) and their own parish resource libraries to supplement their educational efforts.
- c. Parents and their children are welcome and encouraged to participate in parish liturgies and/or other events prepared specifically for children and their families. The pastor/and or his delegate should invite the parents to participate in the catechist certification process of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati as outlined in *The Ministry of the Catechist*. Canons 779,780)
- d. Parents are encouraged to meet with the pastor and/or his delegate periodically to review the progress of their catechetical efforts.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION & MINISTRY

Our Faith Formation classes are open to all children with special needs and disabilities. By their Baptism they are a part of our community. We endeavor to serve their needs through integration into the classroom where they can share their gifts with us.

Resources for parents when a challenge or disability is arising in your family:

Ask at your local Children's Hospital. There is usually a developmental specialist who assesses children's problems and helps with diagnosis or referral to another specialist. There are many clinics offering special services and also there is usually parent support groups for different disabilities, just ask for dates and times of the meetings. Call United Way and/or the local Health Department for information. Call local School System. Ask to speak to the Director of Special Education and ask for services. In Ohio, 0-2 years are served through boards of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; 3-5 years through local school district's pre-school.

LOST & FOUND

Contact the Parish Office for information on any lost items.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Liturgy of the Word with Children in grades 1 - 3 is offered during the 8:30 am and 11:00 am Masses as well as for children 3 years old through kindergarten. The children are dismissed from the congregation to hear the Gospel proclaimed on their own level. They are given the opportunity to pray and share the Word of God with their peers. They re-join the congregation after the Prayer of the Faithful. Please watch the parish calendar or parish website for special dates. There is no charge for this ministry.

NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT RIGHTS

The Faith Formation Secretary needs to be informed by the custodial parent of the rights of the non-custodial parent. All information is kept confidential.



PARISH LIBRARY

Our parish library is in the St. Francis of Assisi Lounge located off the Gathering Space. All parishioners are invited to borrow these materials.

FAITH FORMATION SECRETARY

The Faith Formation Secretary is in Monday 9 am-5 pm and Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 9 am-1 pm, and Wednesday 1 pm – 5pm. We ask that you take special note of these hours. Other staff members are available at other times as well. If you can't reach us personally, please leave a message on the answering machine.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOTAPING

Photos and videos made with students may be used by the Archbishop or his agents for promotional purposes, website and office functions. Parents must give the parish permission to use their child's photo/video via the Archdiocese Medical Release form (see #5 on the medical release form).

PROCEDURE FOR A COMPLAINT

Dissatisfaction with an individual staff member and/or administrative action needs to be handled with the staff member in question or the appropriate administrator.

1. Communicate with the person with whom there is a problem.
2. Communicate with the person's most immediate supervisor.
3. Seek the help of a third party to facilitate discussion. The pastor (if he is not already involved) and the staffs of the Catholic Schools Office and the Office of Evangelization & Discipleship may be helpful in this regard.
4. Pursue the matter through the local due process procedure.
5. Seek information concerning the Archdiocesan Mediation Office.



REGISTRATION AND FEES

The family of each student enrolled in the program is to be registered at St. Francis of Assisi, St. Charles Borromeo or Church of the Incarnation parishes. Otherwise, the fee for participating in the parish program is double and there is no maximum per family. The registration fees are listed on the Registration and Fees Information Sheet.

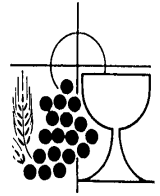
Fees are not pro-rated since they do not cover the full cost of the program. Tuition assistance is available for any family in need. If there is any problem concerning the fee, please contact the Faith Formation Secretary. If you wish to pay your fee in installments, that can also be arranged.

Registration is finalized when completed registration forms, medical/permission release forms, tuition payment are received, and you have received a confirmation email.

The parish reserves the right to limit class size. Be advised: session choices are subject to change and are at risk of cancellation if we cannot provide a catechist, catechist assistant and/or adequate enrollment. Availability of classroom space is based on a first come first serve basis.

SACRAMENTAL FORMATION

A vital part of each student is development as a Catholic is regular participation in the sacraments of the Church.



All students in the first grade and older are expected to attend Sunday Mass weekly, as well as Holydays of Obligation.

Students in the second grade are invited to participate in the formation process to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Parent meetings are in the fall. First Reconciliation Retreat and celebrations for parents and children are in the winter. First Communion Retreats "Jesus Day" and celebrations for parents and children are in the spring of the school year. All students wishing to celebrate First Reconciliation & First Communion must be enrolled in a Faith Formation program.

Students in the eighth grade and older are eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation ministry begins in January. Parent information meetings will be in October and November with registrations taking place in December. Sacramental preparation is a separate program and is not a part of regular Faith Formation Classes. All students wishing to be confirmed must be enrolled in a Faith Formation Program and Confirmation ministry.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR OLDER STUDENTS

Any child who has not received Baptism may make arrangements when enrolling in the Faith Formation Program. Anyone who has not received Eucharist by the third grade or Reconciliation by the fifth grade may make arrangements with the Pastoral Associate. Preparation for these sacraments will take place outside of regular class time. If you have any of the circumstances mentioned, please call Mary Ellen Singer, Pastoral Associate, 433-1013, ext. 1005. We would like to serve you by personalizing the above policies.

SAFETY PROCEDURES

Emergency Medical Information -Parents are expected to give any special medical information on the registration form.

Early Arrival - Students are requested to come no more than 10 minutes early, unless accompanied by an adult.

Early Dismissal – Parent/guardian must send in a note stating dismissal time and who is responsible for picking up their student. Students must be picked up at the classroom.

Entrance/Exit -All students and parents are asked to exercise caution while walking in the parking lot area. Parents of students in grades **1-5** and younger are to pick them up at the classroom door. All students are to be picked up promptly at the end of class.

Parking - Parents are asked to observe the "No Parking-Fire Lane" areas surrounding the parish building, and to exercise care while driving in the parking lot before and after classes.

Search And Seizure Policy - If a young person is suspected of having weapons or drugs in his or her possession, the coordinator will have to search in order to maintain order and safety. An adult staff member or volunteer will witness the search. The decision to search will involve some suspicion of wrongdoing on a young person's part. That individual will be asked to cooperate. If the person refuses, the parents will be contacted to come to the program site and assist in the search. If the parents do not cooperate, the director may impose a penalty, even exclusion from the program.

SUNDAY NURSERY

Sunday Nursery at the 8:30 and/or 11 am Mass is offered if Archdiocesan Child Protection Policies have been met. To help provide this service, two adult volunteers who have met the Archdiocesan Child Protection Policies are required. If you are interested in helping with Child Care, please contact Sylvia Carmody at scarmody@sfacc.org or call 433-1013, ext. 1009, for further details.

TEACHERS

The teachers that are participating in our Faith Formation programs are all volunteers. Our catechists are dedicated to the Christian ministry in which they are involved. Training workshops and catechetical courses prepare them to teach effectively. We are grateful for their dedication and ask parents to express their own appreciation as well.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP (VBC)

VBC is coming to St. Francis of Assisi Church this summer. Volunteers are needed to help planning, providing and teaching. Call the Faith Formation Secretary with any questions.

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers create the success of the St. Francis of Assisi Faith Formation programs. There are a wide variety of opportunities to help. We ask all parents to do at least two activities each year so that all may share the ministry. Please call any of the program coordinators to find out more about how you can help and/or mark it on your registration sheet.

AMENDMENT POLICY

Parents will be notified in writing when policies are to be added or amended.

Elementary Faith Formation Program for Grades 1-5

ABSENCE – REPORTING

The volunteer desk workers will call those who are absent, unless we have been notified beforehand. To report the absence of a student, a parent is to please call 433-1013, ext. 1022. Please report the first and last name, grade, time of class and teacher of the absent student.



ATTENDANCE

Classes will begin promptly at the time scheduled. Students need to plan to be in their classroom at that time. Perfect and excellent (only one absence) attendance will be recognized at the end of the year.

CURRICULUM

St. Francis of Assisi Faith Formation Programs follows the Graded Course of Study for Faith Formation Programs, which is provided by the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. A copy of this document is on file in the Center and is available for review by any parent/guardian.

CONDUCT

Students are expected to: arrive at class on time, bring text and any homework, show respect for others, handle parish property with care, and participate fully in class.

DISCIPLINE CODE

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PARENT PARTICIPATION

Each teacher may invite parents of the students in their class to participate in the class activities. Parents are invited to take an active role in any aspect of the class, such as storytelling, crafts, music, or games. The teacher must coordinate details with approval of Elementary Faith Formation Coordinator and/or Local Safe Environment Coordinator. By the parent's active involvement, students benefit from the variety of faith examples, parents enjoy seeing what their children are learning, and teachers appreciate the support of the parents.

PARKING/DROPPING OFF

Please drive with extreme caution while dropping off or picking up your children. Make sure that you are in designated areas only. Little children often are not as careful as they should be. Please come into the building to pick up students at the classroom door. Teachers will open the door when class is finished.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Teachers will be sending home class reports in mid-January for Wednesday and Sunday sessions. Please feel free, however, to contact your child's teacher at any time.

TEXTBOOKS

All texts are on the preferred list published annually by the Archdiocese Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Each student is supplied with a personal set of texts and/or workbooks. If the text is lost, a replacement copy is available at cost.

VISITORS

Students who wish to bring a friend to class are asked to notify the teacher and director ahead of time, as a courtesy. When coming to visit, an Archdiocesan permission and release form must be submitted by the parent of the visiting student before coming to visit. Parents are always welcome to visit any class.



MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI YOUTH MINISTRY

We are... youth and adults who are interested in and concerned about the Junior and Senior High School members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

We serve... our youth to help in their development in becoming active and faith filled parishioners.

We believe... that these youth are important members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish who desire to have faith. They should be valued, supported and ministered to by the parish so that they can grow as committed Catholic Christians.

Therefore...

We do ... advocate in the parish for the Junior & Senior High School Youth. We work to help encourage them to explore their faith and what it means to live as a Catholic Christian in the world today.



THE SIX BASIC NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

1. The need to believe that life is meaningful and has a purpose.
2. The need for a sense of community and deeper relationships.
3. The need to be appreciated and loved
4. The need to be listened to - to be heard.
5. The need to feel that one is growing in faith.
6. The need for practical help in developing a mature faith.



JUNIOR HIGH PRAYER CANDLE

Prayer is an important and life-giving component of our lives. The Jr. High Prayer Candle travels throughout the classes and activities all year symbolizing unity & communal prayer. A new Jr. High Candle is started each new year at the annual Core Team Retreat. Donated by a Core Team member, it is a large white candle, which gradually becomes covered with multi-colored layers of prayers (wax). While praying, students light a small colored candle and their prayer is added as the (wax) drips down the side of the candle.

6, 7 & 8th Grade Faith Formation

All Faith Formation classes are designed to best serve the needs and desires of this special age. The classes are Christ-centered and designed around 'Bond-building, Opening up. Affirming, Relational, Discipleship'. Hopefully through this approach, our youth will have a better shared faith-filled experience each week as they deepen their relationship with God, their Catechist & each other.

6, 7 & 8th grades meet together for topical sessions (i.e. Liturgical Calendar, Large group experiences, Guest speakers on different subjects, Holyday Mass and Reconciliation).

All Students are invited & encouraged to attend Kids for Christ Youth events (see below) & to join the Junior High Core Team (see below), which plans all Kids for Christ events.

6th Grade: Sunday 9:45-10:5am, Monday 7-8:30pm & Wednesday: 4:15 - 5:45pm *

The main focus of Sixth grade is learning about the Old Testament and the prophecies about Jesus, the Messiah. Besides the text, the students also learn how to read from the Bible. Please share Bible stories you have with your student(s).

* Classes may be cancelled due to low registration or lack of Teacher.

7 & 8th Grade: Sunday 9:45-10:5am, Monday 7-8:30pm & Wednesday 4:15 - 5:45pm *

7th Grade texts explores Types of and Life of Prayer, The Mystery of God, Jesus and Discipleship, Morality & Social Justice. How do we apply these lessons to our everyday life?

8th Grade reviews the Church and Sacraments, Social Justice, Morality, Scripture, Jesus and Discipleship. How are we applying Jesus Christ's teachings in our everyday life?

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INCLEMENT WEATHER

Call 433-1013 ext. 1022 for messages and watch local TV stations or go to their websites or our parish app. The Faith Formation Secretary will send out a Flocknote as well, so please watch your email.

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please verify that we have your correct email address on file.

CATECHISTS

The Catechists participating in our Faith Formation program are all volunteers. Our Catechists are dedicated to our Junior High Youth Ministry. Training workshops and Vocare catechetical courses prepare them to teach effectively. All of them comply with the Archdiocese Decree on Child Protection. We are grateful for their dedication and ask parents to express their own appreciation as well. Do not hesitate to approach a teacher with a question or concern.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteers are needed to assist at Faith Formation Sessions and all Kids for Christ activities. We need Catechists, desk help, hall monitors, Core Team Leaders and Kids for Christ assistance. All Volunteers are required to attend the Archdiocese Decree on Child Protection Training and remain compliant with the Decree. Phyllis Wilemaitis for details on how to volunteer at pwilemaitis@sfacc.org.

+ SERVICE

Service to our brothers and sisters is an integral part of our response to Christ upon hearing and experiencing His Word. The Junior High participates in several service projects through many mediums; Faith Formation class projects, as a Core Team member, Core Team hosted Kids for Christ, Vacation Bible Camp, Soup and Bread Supper & Stations of the Cross for the Parish, the Parish Picnic and as needed. Watch your email for details.

JUNIOR HIGH CORE TEAM & CORE TEAM RETREAT

The Core Team consists of 6, 7 & 8th grade students who have committed themselves to responsible Leadership of the Junior Ministry of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Their dedication and spirituality are present in all areas of their service to their peers and community. They meet monthly year-round to plan and host all Kids for Christ events. They are essential to the successful facilitation of Kids for Christ events and are a vital part of the Jr. High Ministry.

All Jr. High Students are invited join this life-building team. All Core Team attend the annual summer Leadership Training Retreat is a wonderful opportunity to explore their faith, sharpen communication skills, bond through team-building, and deepen their level of spirituality through various experiences. The Core Team becomes family and learns to implement valuable life skills while having fun. Many Core Team friendships have already carried on beyond college.



KIDS FOR CHRIST

Kids for Christ (6th, 7th and 8th grade only) are monthly events planned by the Core Team based on Faith, Friends, Fun and Food! "Kids for Christ" provides a time and place for all schools to mix and develop friendships that will carry them through High School. We have enjoyed enthusiastic participation and strong parental support. Questions call or email: Phyllis Wilemaitis at pwilemaitis@sfacc.org. Monthly volunteers are welcome. Check email & bulletins and Church Monitor.

KIDS FOR CHRIST SUMMER SEASON

The "Big Event" kicks off our summer season which welcomes new students. Summer events are a great way to stay in touch with friends. Watch mail for dates and times. Parent assistance are needed! Must be compliant with Archdiocese Decree on Child Protection.

MANDATORY RELEASE FORMS

Archdiocese Release Forms are mandatory for all events. One is required for ongoing activities at Church throughout school year, for summer and **additional forms are required for activities outside of the parish and overnights.**

St. Francis of Assisi High School Youth Ministry

Senior High Youth Ministry Coordinator:

Marty McClain, 433.1013, ext. 1004; mmccain@sfacc.org

Faith Formation: IGNITE!

Sunday Evenings at St. Francis of Assisi (September – May)

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Gathering, social time

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Faith Formation

Wednesday Evenings at St. Francis of Assisi (September – May)

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Gathering, social time

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Faith Formation

IGNITE! is the Faith Formation Program for the High School Youth. Utilizing the perspective of the Youth Ministry Model and Comprehensive Youth Ministry (i.e. learning the Catholic Faith through life experiences with a Christ-centered focus using a variety of learning styles), IGNITE! engages students through activities, events and conversations about faith and faith issues. Topics to be covered include relationships, sexuality, peace and justice, the Bible, community, prayer and spirituality, service and outreach and Christian morality.

Students **MUST BE REGISTERED** to be a part of IGNITE!

Retreats:

Several opportunities will be offered throughout the school year for High School Youth to attend retreats with members of St. Francis of Assisi as well as with neighboring parishes. Dates have not been set and details will be provided on the Senior High Youth Ministry Webpage. A sampling of the retreats, which will be available, are:

Core Team Retreat – A retreat focused on leadership development and planning for the coming school year. All high school students of the parish are eligible to be on the Core Team and to participate in the Core Team Retreat

Spring Retreat – This retreat offers a great opportunity for High School Youth to take time to reflect on their lives, grow in community with other members of our parish community and members of neighboring parish communities, and develop a closer relationship with God.

Service and Outreach: Several opportunities will be offered throughout the school year for High School Youth to participate in helping the poor and those in need, serving the parish and fundraising for Youth Ministry activities and events. A weeklong mission trip is offered in the summer. Dates have not been set and details will be provided on the Senior High Youth Ministry Webpage.

Fellowship: Over the summer and throughout the school year, Senior High Youth Ministry sponsors events and activities to promote community and relationship building while incorporating prayer and faith. During the summer, volleyball is offered on Sunday evenings. Laser Tag and Broomball are popular activities, just to name a couple, that occur. Dates and details to come.

Praise & Worship Team: The P&W Team is a collection of high school students and adults, singers and musicians who come together to praise God through music and song. The P&W team provides P&W style music for youth ministry events and for parish Eucharistic Adoration services.

TNT Young Adult Ministry (twenties & thirties)

One of the primary goals of TNT is the formation of a community of younger Catholics, from recent high school graduates through those in their twenties and thirties, including singles, couples, and young parents. We hope that this community will help its members grow by providing social, service, and faith formation opportunities with similarly-aged Catholics. Some of the activities we have done include movie nights, Lenten Eucharistic Adoration, potluck dinners, afternoon socials, parent/child playgroups, attending Theology on Tap, and serving lunch at St. Vincent Hotel

TNT sends out most of its communication by e-mail. If you would like to be added to the TNT e-mail list, please send an email tntyam@sfacc.org to subscribe.

For further information, please contact Marty McClain at mmcclain@sfacc.org.

Adult Faith Formation

We at St. Francis of Assisi want to help you to grow spiritually. Below are just a few opportunities. Watch the Sunday bulletin and the parish website for more detail.

FORMED.org

Online format for viewing movies, series and books, for children and adults. Use access code 8EF6WQ. Provided by St. Francis parish for its parishioners.

Adult Faith Formation Talks

A variety of topics are presented throughout the year. Your suggestions are welcome.

Small Church Communities (SCC)

Individuals come together in a group of 8 - 10 people to pray, read scripture and share their story, support each other and reach out in help to those in need.

Reflection on Sunday Scriptures in Spanish

Parishioners reflect on the Sunday readings on Friday evenings – in Spanish.

Parish Library

Books about a wide variety of topics related to our Catholic Faith. CDs and DVDs for personal or small group use.

Bible Study

Assorted classes about Scripture are provided during the year.

Social Justice Teaching

Just Faith, Salt and Light and other formation programs are offered to inform adults about social mission of the church.

Awakening Faith

Sessions are held annually for returning Catholics.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Process is available year-round for people interested in learning more about becoming Catholic.

“Little Books”

Blue, Black and White Books are made available during Advent, Lent and Easter that provide a six minute meditation daily. Please note that we now have these books in Spanish and for children.

Adult Faith Formation planning committee needs your input.

Please contact Mary Ellen Singer at 433-1013, ext. 1005 or mesinger@sfacc.org.