

Children's Faith Formation

Children ages preschool through fifth grade are invited to attend faith formation sessions. Attendance at faith formation encourages and fosters a child's growth as a Christian disciple and complements the Catholic formation provided by the family. Regular attendance benefits the child in forming lasting relationships which enhance the child's faith and participation.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the 10:00 am Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month beginning October 6th and continuing through May. After the opening blessing, children are dismissed to go to the Blessed Sacrament chapel to hear the Sunday readings from the Children's Lectionary. The presider gives a reflection and leads a discussion geared to the children's level of understanding. The children return to the assembly at the presentation of the gifts. Parents are encouraged to stay with the adult assembly but may accompany a child to make the situation more comfortable.

Whole Parish Faith Formation takes place after the 10:00 am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Children begin and end each session with the adult group. The session for grade school children is the same topic as the adult session. The preschool program concentrates on stories and God's love for us.



Special Events

Seasonally children will gather for a special faith formation session. This will give children an opportunity to have deeper faith formation and give parents an afternoon or evening to reconnect with each other.

Parents will be asked to RSVP. Look for more information regarding the specific dates and times in the bulletin.

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Youth Group

Youth from Spirit of Christ and Blessed Trinity in grades 6—12 gather on two Wednesday evenings each month from 7—8 pm at Blessed Trinity beginning on September 18. The evening youth gatherings combine fun, prayer, and learning. In addition to our regular meetings, youth have the opportunity to attend retreats and participate in diocesan events. Youth wishing to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation are required to be active in youth group.

Youth also gather to serve the parish through preparing meals, helping with parish events, and assisting with Vacation Bible School in the summer. As a parish we support the youth through several fundraisers to help youth pay registration fees for diocesan events such as Junior High Rally, CYC Board and Convention, and Legendary Lodge. The youth gather with the adults for Whole Parish Faith Formation or may assist with children's faith formation.



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Alive!

Whole Parish Faith Formation 2019-2020

October 13

Healed

November 10

Resurrection

December 8

New Life

January 12

Source of Life

February 9

Called to be Different

March 8

Transformation

April 26

Saved on the Way

The glory of God is a human person fully alive.—St. Irenaeus

All Are Welcome

Whole Parish Faith Formation is lifelong learning and growing in faith for all ages and generations in the parish community. We begin gathered around the table of the Lord for Sunday Eucharist. Fed by Christ, we share our stories, to teach and to learn. Then we are sent by Christ out on mission, into our homes, our schools, our workplaces. Come to feed and be fed. Come to share our story.

Be the Body of Christ



Blessed Trinity
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Spirit of Christ Mission

Mission Statement

Living and proclaiming the Gospel of Christ;

Fulfilling the Mission of the Catholic Church

In Southwest Missoula and Lolo



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Adult Faith Formation

Seeing the Word



Seeing the Word meets monthly to reflect on the beautiful illuminations in the St. John's Bible, the first illuminated bible produced in the last 500 years. This practice of praying with visual images is called visio divina or divine seeing. Participants follow the 6 steps of visio divina: LISTEN and MEDITATE on Scripture, SEE with eyes of faith as they gaze on illuminations, PRAY to God, CONTEMPLATE the Spirit's movements, and reflect how they might further BECOME CHRIST-LIKE.

Seeing the Word will meet the last Thursday of the month at 11:00 am beginning September 26 continuing through May 28. While no previous experience is necessary, the group will begin where we left off in May with Wisdom Literature. Please contact facilitator Louise Yamasaki at (406) 251-5363 with questions. Participant materials are available from Judy Cooney.

For just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
And do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful,
Giving seed to him who sows
and bread to him who eats,
so shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
It shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55: 10—11

Lectionary Scripture Study

**Thursdays, 11 am
Beginning September 12**

Do you want joy? Pope Francis opens his apostolic exhortation on evangelization "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." Come and learn how God has revealed his heart to his people through scripture so that you can better see how God is working in your life and share this joy with others.

Each week we reflect on the upcoming Sunday's readings and Gospel—following the lectionary used at Mass. Reading and reflecting on the Word of God is a great way to grow in faith. **We meet Thursdays at 11:00 am** (except when Seeing the Word meets on the last Thursday of the month.)

Readers are especially invited to participate.

Parish Lenten Retreat

March 8– 10

Fr. Michael Joncas, internationally recognized priest, liturgical composer, author, speaker, and professor will be leading our Lenten retreat this year. Some of his best known compositions are "On Eagle's Wings" and "I Have Loved You." Father Joncas is currently Artist in Residence and Research Fellow in Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Lenten Retreat is open for all who wish to attend. Please look for details in the bulletin, on Facebook, and on My Parish App closer to the time of the event and share with your friends so they can join you for this experience.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Adults and children age seven and older who are not baptized and wish to enter the Catholic Church are invited to share their story and listen to the story of others, to hear the Good News and see the Christian faith as it is lived in the Catholic community. Adults and older children who are interested in becoming Catholic who have been baptized in another faith have a unique journey to come into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Instruction is tailored to fit their particular needs. The parish community is eager to share your faith journey. Please contact the parish office at 721-2405 for more information.



Baptism of Infants

Baptismal preparation is offered as needed throughout the year to registered and actively participating parents or soon-to-be parents. The three sessions welcome and invite families into a deeper understanding of the parish community and greater knowledge and appreciation of the Sacrament of Baptism in order to more fully celebrate their child's baptism and foster the child's growth as a Catholic Christian. Please contact the parish office at 721-2405.



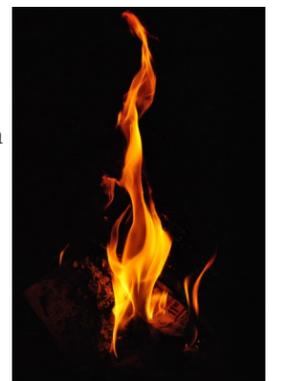
First Eucharist and Reconciliation

Preparation for children in second grade or older who wish to receive the Eucharist begins in October. Children and parents meet for six sessions to learn about the Sacrament of Holy Communion and another six weeks beginning in January to explore the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Participants need to be registered and active members of the parish. Children celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Lent and schedule First Eucharist after Easter. Please contact the parish office at 721-2405 for more information.



Confirmation

Preparation for registered and active high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors begins this fall. Youth who are seeking Confirmation must be present at Sunday Eucharist, participate in youth group on Wednesday evenings, and attend a Confirmation retreat. The Sacrament is celebrated during the Easter season with the other parishes and missions in the Missoula Deanery. Please contact the parish office at 721-2405 to register.



Please see the bulletin for more adult formation events throughout the year.

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