

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 compliments 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 one Sunday of the month beginning October 10th 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 one Sunday each month. Children begin and end each session with the adult group. The session for children is the same topic as the adult session.

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.

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 15. 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 and deanery (regional) 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. The monthly topic is a part of regular youth group meetings.

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Mission Statement

Living and proclaiming the Gospel of Christ;
 Fulfilling the Mission of the Catholic Church
 In Southwest Missoula and Lolo



October 17
November 7
December 5
January 9
February 6
March 6
April 3
May 1

Journey
Destination
Packing
Sightseeing
Finding the Way
Lost
Found
Love One Another

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Whole Parish Faith Formation

Journey

How the Liturgy Leads Us

We begin our year of Faith Formation on October 17 by looking forward to the Church year and the seasons we will travel through—Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. Our liturgy—including environment, readings, and music—all draw us into the season and give us a new vision of life and a new way to be in the world as we are sent in mission.

We will be led in this reflection by our own experts in liturgy, Fr. Ed Hislop and S. Mary Jo Quinn. Fr. Ed and S. Mary Jo have been speakers throughout our diocese and country on all aspects of liturgy and music in the local parish. Fr. Ed has an MA in Liturgy from Notre Dame and S. Mary Jo has an MA in Church Music and Liturgy from St. Joseph's, Rensselaer, IN.

Reflection on the Eucharist

Winter 2022



Michael S. Driscoll, Ph.D., S.T.D. will be joining us this winter to lead us in a reflection on the relationship between Eucharist and ethics, between liturgy and life. We will explore how the way we worship shapes the way we live in the world.

Fr. Driscoll is a priest of the Diocese of Helena and professor emeritus in the theology department at the University of Notre Dame. He is the founding director of the Graduate Program in Sacred Music as well as the undergraduate interdisciplinary minor in Liturgical Music Ministry at the University of Notre Dame. His scholarly interests are in the area of liturgy and sacramental theology, co-authoring a book with Michael Joncas entitled, *The Order of Mass: A Roman Missal Study Edition and Workbook* (Chicago: Liturgical Training Publications, 2011).

Where I am going you know the way.

John 14:4



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 February 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 September 15. 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.



Adult Faith Formation

Lectionary Scripture Study

Thursdays, 11 am
Beginning September 9

How can we know the way? This question is not just asked by St. Thomas, but by all of us at times. Jesus' answer to Thomas, "I am the way and the truth and the life" is what we break open each week as we hear the Gospel and the readings. Through scripture we come to know Jesus and know the Father. Just as the apostles needed time, the Holy Spirit, and a community to grow in fullness of understanding so do we. 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.

Readers are especially invited to participate.

Seeing the Word

Meeting date and time TBD



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 we gaze on illuminations, pray to God, contemplate the Spirit's movements, and reflect how we might further become Christ-like.

If you are interested in joining this group (after the pandemic postponed meetings) **please contact the facilitator Louise at (406) 251-5363 or Judy Cooney (406) 721-2405.**

"The sacraments are the manifestation of the Father's tenderness and love towards us."

Pope Francis

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