



St. Joseph Church
built on Generations of Faith since 1765

God is Calling !

Generations of Faith offers opportunities for adults, children and teens to experience God's presence in the community, at times of prayer and study and in service to others. We come together to learn who God is and to know Jesus as a friend. This year our focus is to listen to how God calls us in our daily lives.

The gatherings are held on :

1. Friday Evening All Ages 6:30 – 8:45 pm

A simple meal is served at 6:30 pm.

2. Saturday Morning All Ages 9:30 am – 11:45 am

A simple breakfast is served starting at 9:30 am.

3. Sunday Morning Weekend I

Families with Children *only* in Grades K-6.

Families come together on a Sunday morning in the Parish Center at 10 am. There is time for hospitality, prayer, teaching, and family activities. This session finishes no later than 11:40 am.

4. Sunday Morning Weekend II

Families with Children *only* in Grades K-6.

Families come on Sunday morning for the 10 am Mass in the Parish Center. Mass is followed by hospitality, prayer, teaching, and family activities. This session finishes no later than 12:15 pm.

5. Sunday Afternoon All Ages

Mass in Church at 12 noon followed by the Gathering in the Parish Center.

Lunch is served after Mass. This session ends no later than 3 pm.

Sacramental Preparation

A Sacred Time

Children and teens prepare to celebrate the sacraments by getting to know Jesus Christ and developing a friendship with him through prayer and worship at Mass. As they grow in their love of Christ, they learn how loved and precious they are to God.

The first step in preparing children and youth to receive Holy Communion and Confirmation is regular attendance at Mass on Sunday.

The Path to Holy Communion

In October ⁺children are enrolled to prepare for the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. They participate in the celebration of the Eucharist, the Mass.

⁺Children enrolling in October must have attended a full year of religious education prior to this enrollment period.

Confirmation

Teens who participate in Youth Ministry during the high school years have the option of celebrating Confirmation.

In the first year of Youth Ministry teens participate with their families in our parish's faith formation process, Generations of Faith.

Teens in the second year of youth ministry are assigned to a small group with a facilitator guide. These small faith groups gather on Sunday evenings throughout the year.

Retreats, opportunities to practice the Works of Mercy and special events are an important part of the parish's ministry to teens.

Teens who have not completed the At-Home Study in 'Be My Disciples' will be asked to do so while preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation.