



St. Joseph Church
built on Generations of Faith since 1765

Generations of Faith offers opportunities for adults and children to experience God's presence in the community, at times of prayer and study and in service to others. We come together to learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus and to know him as a friend.

The gatherings for families with children in grades K-8 are held on :

A. Sunday Morning

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 11:45 am.

B. Sunday Afternoon

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.

C. Saturday Morning

A simple breakfast is served starting at 9:30 am. This session ends no later than 11:30 am.

D. Sunday Morning

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 12:30 pm.

Catholic Journey of Faith in the High School Years

In the first year of Youth Ministry teens participate in Alpha for Teens.

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.

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.

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.