

Excellent Children's, Youth and Adult Programs

Our Faith Formation Programs

“Love the Lord your God with all your soul and all your strength.

Never forget these commands that I am giving you today.

Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are home and when you are away, when you are resting and when you are working.”

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

St. Genevieve's Parish offers Faith Formation programs for all ages from Preschool through Adult.

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Children's Programs

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** - A special breaking open of the Gospel, in which children hear and learn the Gospel as it is **written** for them, will be offered most every Sunday at the 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses during the school year. No registration is needed. Refer to the Faith Formation Calendar for details.
- Children will also have the opportunity to sing with our choir on certain Sundays.
- **Kindergarten - Fifth Grade After School Program** - Children explore and discover what it is to be a son or daughter of God as they learn their faith in prayerful, experiential and fun filled. The Wednesday after school program is a liturgy based curriculum with mixed grade levels. During the year children participate in:
 - Service projects geared just for them
 - Scripture and art projects that hit home the main Bible points
 - Prayer
 - Saint celebrations and traditions
 - All family events (note: These are evening events)

Classes meet at the Faith Formation Center from 4:15 - 5:30 pm October through April. A snack is provided. Registration in the program is needed.

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 - Service projects geared just for them
 - Scripture and art projects that hit home the main Bible points
 - Prayer
 - Saint celebrations and traditions
 - All family events (Note: These are evening events)

Classes meet at Centerville Elementary School from 6:30 - 7:45 PM October through April. Registration in the program is needed.

- **Second Grade Sacrament Preparation** - Preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist generally takes place in second grade. This course work is woven into the second grade curriculum, however there is an at home parent/child component, parent classes, as well as parent/child retreats for both Reconciliation and Eucharist. Registration is needed in the Faith Formation Program and be registered in the Parish.
- **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** - a great fun filled week of Bible adventure - learning about God's great love for each and every one of us. It is a time for crafts, games, music, skits, contests. We generally have VBS the third week of June. Children excitedly look forward to VBS each summer.
- **Created in the Image of God** - a component of all child and youth curriculum focusing on helping children understand their innate dignity - wonderfully created by God with the right to be treated with love and honor. **This comes out of the Protection of Children and Youth Initiative mandated by the Archdiocese and helps youth and their parents to be knowledgeable and aware of the world around them empowering them to respond appropriately and to create a safe and healthy environment.**

Our hope is that your child will gain a better understanding of our Catholic faith and traditions in an active, nurturing, age appropriate environment. We are blest to have committed volunteers who love children. We always welcome any parent who feels called to serve in this rewarding ministry. Training is provided with plenty of support staff, materials and well laid out lesson plans.

Youth Programs

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Middle School Grades Six and Seventh

Young people discover God's plan for them and God's revelation of Himself to us. They delve into the Sacraments and discuss and apply lessons in Catholic Social Justice and morality, discover salvation history and explore the long and rich history of the Catholic Church. Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:45 PM at the Centerville Elementary School. Registration in the Faith Formation Program is needed.

Middle Youth Activities - Watch the weekly Bulletin for events and details.

Eighth Grade and Confirmation - A two year program

- **Grade Nine Confirmation Preparation Year 1** - Exploration of Man's thirst for God, Who is Jesus? What is truth? What is prayer-how does it bring me closer to God? Retreat and service projects are part of the program and Youth are strongly encouraged to participate in St. Gen's Youth activities to grow in community and relation to one another. Classes meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at the Parish Community Center, October through May. (Refer to Calendar for dates)
- **Grade 10 Confirmation Preparation Year 2 & Reception of Sacrament** - Students explore what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ, who is Jesus. How does Mary, the Mother of God point us to Jesus? What does it mean to be confirmed and what are the gifts of the Holy Spirit? How do I wrap my arms around this faith and become a witness for Jesus Christ? Students participate in a Life in the Spirit Retreat (required) and another retreat experience of their choosing. Youth are strongly encouraged to participate in St. Gen's Youth activities to grow in community and relation to one another. Classes meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at the Parish Community Center, October through May. (Refer to Calendar for dates)

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St Gen's Youth (High School Nine through Twelve) **St. Gen's Youth** is Youth Group - an opportunity to participate in and create community in the parish, it is youth involved. Some activities are attending NET Masses together, service and group outings, Catholic Heart work-camp, Steubenville Youth Conferences. It is open to all high school youth with occasional programs for Middle School Youth. Please see Bulletin for announcements of events and details September through May.

St. Gen's Youth CORE Team (Active Leadership) The CORE team is a leadership team of youth and adults. Its goal is **outreach**-*reaching out to youth who will always know they are welcome and wanted* and **witness** - *living in such a way as to grow in faith and commitment as disciples of Christ, and thereby lead others to know Jesus in their own lives*. The core team work together providing youth ministry that touches all parts of the life of the youth and brings them to a living faith as true disciples of Christ, seeing and reaching out to others in love. And developing leadership abilities in all youth, allowing each to bringing his or her gifts forth as leaders and servants of Christ. The CORE team meets the second Thursday of each month at the Faith Formation Center at 7:00 PM.

Adult Programs

- **Adult RCIA Instruction** - The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the process of welcoming individuals to discover and explore the Catholic Faith and to become a member of that faith. The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is open to:
 - Those who are not baptized and desire to study and know the Catholic Faith - its beliefs and practices.
 - Those who are baptized in another Christian faith tradition and now want to explore membership in the Catholic Church.
 - Baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, and who desire to respond to God's invitation to know and grow in faith in the Church.
 - Catholics who have been away from the Church and have questions.
 - It is a spiritual journey that is different for each individual - a gradual process - a time of questioning, prayer, learning, exploring, and community.

RCIA begins in September and continues through the Easter season.

RCIA Inquiry will begin the last Sunday of September from 9:00 - 10:15 AM. at the Parish Community Center.

- **Adult Study** -
 - **The Gospel of Luke Study Group**
 - **Agape Catholic Bible Study** - <http://www.agapebiblestudy.com/>
"To be ignorant of Scripture is to be ignorant of Christ." St. Jerome

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- Accessing ancient and contemporary commentaries
- Historical and archaeological information
- **Adult Retreats** -
 - **Lenten Retreat**