

## HOLY COMMUNION EVANGELICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

All youth ages 5 - 14 are invited to participate in regular Faith Formation activities. There will be 20 classes and 9 special events offered starting September 26, 2021 and ending May 15, 2022. For all classes, there will be opportunities to learn Catholic traditions, including prayers and service. Class activities will be age appropriate and supervised by a teacher. No fees will be charged for these classes. Class times: All classes will be held immediately after the 9 am Sunday Mass.

### Age Groups for Faith Formation

#### K - 1st Grades

There will be simple art, music, and workbook materials that will be used to reinforce a basic concept of God as the Trinity and our relationship with God.

#### 2nd - 3rd Grades

Students will be introduced to simple Bible stories and key concepts of our faith. Instruction will be provided for a foundation of sacramental preparation for Reconciliation and First Eucharist later in the school year.

#### 4th - 5th Grades

Introduction to the use of the Holy Bible and how it is relevant in our encounter with the world will begin in this class. There will be an increased focus on what Christ is asking of us in leading our lives. Stories from salvation history will be explored and compared with our own daily struggles to be the person Jesus wants us to be.

#### 6th - 8th Grades

Instruction will focus on the challenges of our culture and how Jesus and the church provide each of us with the tools to navigate through our daily lives. Bible based instruction will increase but key Catholic concepts (use of the sacraments, sacramentals, ect.) will be incorporated. This instruction will provide a basic foundation for sacramental preparation for Confirmation later in the school year.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacramental preparation will be conducted separate from Faith Formation in an intensive schedule of instruction just prior to reception of the sacrament. This preparation will be a combination of individual classes and/or retreats.

### RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST

All children in 2nd grade or above who have not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist are invited. Reconciliation instruction will focus on understanding sin and its weight on our soul, Christ's message of forgiveness, and how the sacrament of Reconciliation can bring us closer to Christ and His plan for us. First Reconciliation is scheduled for April 24 2022. The First Eucharist component will emphasize the Mass and the Eucharist and its fundamental role in our faith and how receiving the Eucharist sustains and empowers us to go out and spread Christ's message of love. A First Eucharist service is scheduled for May 1, 2022. Prerequisite: Child must be attending Faith Formation classes appropriate for their age.

### CONFIRMATION

All youth in the 6th grade or above who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited. The course will place emphasis on the presence of the Holy Spirit, the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and why they are relevant, and how Confirmation is their initiation into the full adulthood of the Church. A Confirmation service is planned for Easter Vigil Mass on April 17, 2022. Prerequisite: Child must be attending Faith Formation classes appropriate for their age.