Faith Formation News

FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN IN PRESCHOOL-GRADE 5 OCT.14, 2026



Here's what happening in Faith Formation through December 2026

Treasures of the Church on November 11



There's a special event on Wednesday, November 11, that takes the place of your regular Faith Formation classes. It's our annual Treasures of the Church event for families and parish members of all ages. Children must be accompanied by adults. The theme is Eucharistic Adoration.

Here's the schedule:

5:15pm: Arrive at the church and pick up your information for the event at the check-in table in the dining room. Groups will rotate between these stations:

- Eat a free meal in the dining room (Fr. Adam Maus' pulled pork, with toasted buns, coleslaw, macaroni & cheese, and desserts)
- Hear Fr. Maus' teaching on Adoration in our new Adoration Chapel
- Hear testimony from those who have experienced the power of Adoration
- Children's activities related to Adoration

At 6:30pm, we'll all meet in the worship area where the band "One Dei" will share praise and worship music during a time of Adoration. Stay as long as you wish. The music continues until 7:30pm.

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ON OCT. 21 OR 25

Because of the Minot Public Schools vacation, there are NO Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, Oct. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 25.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT LESSONS NOV. 4 & 8

Watch for a letter and email about the Wednesday, Nov. 4, and Sunday, Nov. 8, Safe Environment lessons to be shared in class. This brief lesson is required annually by the Bismarck Diocese.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Would you like your child to be involved in something that celebrates Jesus, the Real Reason for the Christmas season? Here are some opportunities:

On Sunday, Dec. 6, our Preschool through grade 1 Faith Formation students **sing during the 10:30am Mass.** They'll practice during classes, and then meet at 10:05am on Dec. 6 for a full group rehearsal before going up to the worship space where they will sit together during Mass and sing near the end of Mass. No need to sign up; all Preschool through grade 1 students are asked to participate.

Children's Christmas Program (for those in Kindergarten through grade 5): Children dress up in costumes and put on a simple Christmas pageant telling of the birth of Jesus. Rehearsals are on two Saturdays: Dec. 5 and 12, from 2:30-3:30pm in the dining room. The performance is Sunday, Dec. 13, at 11:45am, followed by a visit from St. Nicholas. Sign up on the classroom hallway bulletin board or email Christine at education3@olgminot.org.

Children's Christmas Eve Choir (for those in grade 2 through grade 8): Children join the adult choir to sing at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals are on two Wednesdays during Faith Formation classes: Dec. 2 and Dec. 9, from 5:00-5:30pm in the worship space. Sign up on the classroom hallway bulletin board or email Tanya at education1@olgminot.org.

IT'S TIME TO PRACTICE YOUR PRAYERS FOR PRAYER STATION

Every Catholic should have at least a few prayers that they know by heart so that they can readily pray them in times of happiness, fear, sadness or gratitude. Prayer Station is designed to encourage children to memorize prayers with help from their parents. We have Prayer Station three times per year during Faith Formation classes.

Wednesday students have Prayer Station on Nov. 18, Feb. 3, and Apr. 7. Sunday students have Prayer Station on Nov. 22, Feb. 7, and Apr. 11. Children in grade 1 and younger receive a small prize for each memorized prayer they recite. Those in grades 2-5 receive a prayer card. They collect their prayer cards in a booklet and bring the booklet home at the end of the school year. Children may practice using the Prayers and Teachings packet that is sent home from Faith Formation. It is also on the classroom hallway bulletin board, and online at this link: https://www.olgminot.org/faith-formation, then scroll down to the end of the page. Have fun practicing prayers together!



FIRST RECONCILIATION IS ON DEC. 5

The children who are preparing for First Reconciliation (confession) will go to confession for the first time on Saturday, Dec. 5, during either the 9:00 or 10:30am First Reconciliation Prayer Service.

In January, they will begin preparation for First Eucharist (communion) and will receive communion for the first time on April 3 or 4.