St. Owen Faith Formation Parent Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

K-8 Parent Meeting 6:15-6:45pm

New for 2026-27

During the first class session (Oct. 5) this year, a parent from each Faith Formation family is requested to attend a Parent Meeting in church. Topics include calendar & program highlights, dismissal procedure, safety updates & more.

All K-8 classes will conclude with an Opening Prayer Service featuring short Eucharistic Adoration and a Eucharistic procession in church from 7:00-7:15pm. Children will be dismissed from church. **Cider & doughnuts will be served after the Prayer Service!**

Class Begins next Monday, October 5

All K-8 Faith Formation classes will run from 6:00-7:15 pm this year.

Introduction Lesson 10/5/26:

Children and youths in all grades will participate in our Introductory Lesson. Activities include welcoming icebreaker games, opening prayer together as a class, personalizing the class Prayer Cloth/Prayer Table, creating a personalized Body of Christ image which will go on the Faith Formation bulletin board in church, and completing the Reflection Day 1 of the Little Book on the Eucharist.

The Eucharist

OUR 2026-27 PROGRAM THEME

Last year, our theme was ***The Mass Revealed*** and all children learned about all the parts of the Mass over the course of the year. For 2026-27, we focus on The Eucharist. **We will use *The Little Kids' Book on the Eucharist* for Gr K-5 and *The Little Book on the Eucharist* for Gr 6-8.** Each week, we will cover 1 or 2 Reflections in the book. Each family will also receive *The Little Book on the Eucharist* to use as a family resource and follow along with the Reflection your children cover that week.

Join us in wishing Fr. Mike Happy 70th Birthday Oct. 5!!!

GRADE LEVEL UPDATE

Kindergarten

We welcome back Mrs. Anne Taglione as your child's Catechist. We will use the new Word of Life curriculum.

Grade 1

We welcome Mrs. Betty Cayley as your child's Catechist. We begin to learn about Reconciliation & Eucharist this year in the Renewed & Received curriculum.

Grade 2

Dr. Peguy Schmidt moves up to Grade 2 with your children. We will prepare to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion this year.
Date Change: First Communion Mass is Sunday, May 2 at 11:00am .

Grade 3

We welcome back Mrs. Silvia DeVecchi as your child's Catechist. We will use the new Word of Life curriculum.

Grade 4

We welcome Dr. Jen Bulringame as your child's Catechist. We will use the new Word of Life curriculum.

Grade 5

We welcome back Mrs. Carla Nervo as your child's Catechist. We will use the new Word of Life curriculum.

Grade 6

We welcome Mrs. Katie Fucich as your child's Catechist. We will use the new Word of LIfe curriculum.

Grade 7

We welcome Mr. Jacob Hurst as your child's Catechist. We begin preparing for Confirmation with the Chosen curriculum.

Grade 8

We welcome back Mr. Chester Dawson (returning from '24-25) as your child's Catechist. We will prepare to receive Confirmation on April 18 this year.

YOU'RE INVITED: REST IN JESUS

Parents are invited to rest in Jesus with Eucharistic Adoration in church every Monday Faith Formation is in session from 5:30-7:30pm. Instead of running errands, consider a Holy Hour (or even just a Holy 10 Minutes) with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament while your child(ren) attend Faith Formation.

I'm a Publisher user moving to Canva, so please be patient with me as I learn to best use it! This weekly Canva newsletter will replace the sometimes-wordy class emails of the past.

20th Century American evangelist, teacher, priest, and bishop Fulton Sheen was beatified this Sept. 24 in St. Louis.
October 4, 2026 marks the 800th anniversry of St. Francis of Assisi passing from this life into Eternal Rest.

St. Francis, pray for us! Blessed Fulton Sheen, pray for us!

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