

Faith Formation for those with Special Needs
Final day to register: August 12

In the Catholic Church, faith formation is a lifelong right. Because people are at different stages of spiritual and intellectual maturity, St. Lawrence provides age-appropriate, accessible education ensuring everyone can encounter Christ at their personal level.

Do you have a **Special Needs** individual in your family and you want them to participate in Faith Formation?

For 15 years, St. Lawrence has offered a successful Faith Formation program called “The Bridge” on Sunday mornings for children and adult parishioners with specific special needs. Sessions are on Sunday for an hour after the 8:00am Mass ends, from 9:15am – 10:15am. Sacramental preparation is available when possible.

Sessions begin on Sunday, September 13, 2026, and end Sunday, May 2, 2027, in Classrooms 208-210 on the upper hallway. We require that parents remain with the students during the sessions.

Our program consists of two sessions:

Verbal (high functioning) and non-verbal (autism spectrum students). The students range in age from 8 to 75. The verbal program is geared for a second-grade level of comprehension. The non-verbal program is limited to 30 minutes due to attention span.

Sacrament preparation

Some parents request sacramental preparation for their students. The teachers make recommendations about readiness based on the individual student’s ability to comprehend the sacrament. Sacramental preparation is a separate session from the regular class time, and is arranged as a one-on-one class with the student and parent present with the catechist.

To enroll, or if you have questions

Please click on the QR code or go to our homepage. If you would like to find out more, contact any of us below and we’d be happy to speak with you!

- The Bridge Coordinator, Marianne Van Name at thebridge@saintlaw.org
- K-8 Coordinator, Michelle Sander, msander@saintlaw.org
- Director of Faith Formation, Elizabeth Chinery, echinery@saintlaw.org

Click to enroll:



St. Lawrence www.saintlaw.org 770.963.8992

Michelle Sander, K-8th, x 416 Juan Gonzalez, 9th-12th & Confirmation, x 447

Elizabeth Chinery, Faith Formation Director, x 445 Cristina Corbin, Hispanic Ministry, x 436