

Hi Families,

My name is Laura Rivera, and I am the new Director of Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation here at St. Luke the Evangelist. I am truly excited and grateful to begin this journey with you.

I was first called into ministry over 25 years ago by Sr. Bernadette at St. James the Apostle. On what seemed like an ordinary Sunday, she called out after Mass, “Hey you!” I turned, unsure if she meant me, and she said, “Yes, you.” She went on to share how she needed my help—and in that moment, God saw something in me that I did not yet see in myself. I truly believe I am living proof that God qualifies those He calls.

Over the years, God has led me to serve in several parishes, including St. Justin Martyr, St. Mark the Evangelist, St. James, St. Frances, and now here at St. Luke. I have been blessed to work with parishes of many sizes and diverse communities. One of my greatest passions is bringing fresh and innovative approaches to faith formation that help families grow together in their relationship with Christ.

My goal is simple: to get to know each of you and to walk alongside your families in faith.

On a personal note, I have been married for 32 years to my amazing husband, Ben. We have two adult children, Sarah and Benny. Some of my favorite things include spending time with my great-nephew Liam at the park, crafting, continually learning more about our Catholic faith, and enjoying time with my family.

I pray that together we will grow in faith and build the Kingdom of God here at St. Luke the Evangelist.

With gratitude and prayers,

Laura Rivera

