

# St. Cecilia Family Faith Formation

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## Family Faith Formation - Policies

The mission of St. Cecilia's Family Faith Formation Program is to assist parents in passing on the faith to their children. Parents are the first and primary witnesses of their children, in faith, moral and spiritual formation. By forming parents, we hope to strengthen family religious and spiritual transmission in the first two decades of life.

Our Family Faith Formation program contains formal instruction for both parents and their children – ages birth through high school graduation. This instruction is in age-based classes at the Family Life Center.

The following policies apply to these classes.

- **REGISTRATION:** Registration is typically held in early May for the year beginning the next September. However, we accept registration any time.
  - Complete a Family Formation Registration Form
- **CLASSES:** are in session from September to early June. They are both at the FLC and at home.
  - **@ FLC** - Sunday mornings @ 9:35 - 10:45 a.m.
  - **@ HOME** – parents teach their children the lesson sometime during the week
- **CANCELLATIONS:** Notification of cancellation due to inclement weather will be via:
  - EMAIL: from faithformation@stcparish.org
  - WEBSITE: stcparish.org
- **ATTENDANCE:** It is expected that a family will miss ONLY for a most serious reason.
  - The Diocese requires the parent to **notify** the church concerning each absence.
  - Parents are expected to teach their student the lesson that they missed.
- **DISCIPLINE:** Each student has a right to a classroom atmosphere that is conducive to learning.
  - Parents will be informed if a child is having discipline issues.
- **TESTING:** Testing is used to assess the effectiveness of our program.
  - Chapter and Unit assessments are used in classes when appropriate.
  - A Catholic Religious Education (ACRE) test is administered in grades 5 and 8.
- **COMMUNICATIONS:** Parents may contact teachers concerning their child at any time.
- **VISITING CLASSES:** Please contact the coordinator to schedule a visit to a classroom.
- **SAFE ENVIRONMENT:** The Diocese requires all students to attend age-appropriate personal safety training every school year. Every student will receive this training unless a written objection is received from the parent or legal guardian.