**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION AT CHRIST THE KING**

**2025/2026 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. **Who is this program for?**

*This program is open to everyone! Families with children, youth, married couples, and singles of all ages.*

1. **Is this the only option for Faith Formation for the children?**

*Yes. We will no longer be offering a stop and drop classroom model. The old model met up to 24 times per year on various days and times. The new model meets eight times with everyone together at once.*

1. **Can my child come on their own?**

*No. The program is made for families to grow together.*

1. **Why do parents have to attend FFF with their children?**

*At their child’s baptism, parents accept the responsibility of raising their children in the Catholic faith. The FFF is designed to support and empower parents in this responsibility through catechesis and faith sharing at an adult level.*

1. **What if illness, scheduling conflicts or some other unforeseen circumstance prohibits attendance by either parent, or the entire family?**

*We do hope that the flexibility to attend either the Saturday or Sunday gathering of any of the monthly sessions will minimize or eliminate this possibility. However, if necessary, make-up material will be provided for the family to work on together. Completion of the material will be required for any child or youth in preparation for the sacraments as discussed below.*

1. **How is the program structured?**

*For those attending the Saturdays of a formation weekend, we will go to the 4PM Vigil Mass, then meet in the school for dinner. After dinner, the children will break into age appropriate groups and go with their catechists. The adults will meet together with the adult catechist. If you elect to go on Sunday, we will attend the 11AM Mass and then go to the school for brunch and the lessons. Each time we meet everyone will explore the same topics at an age appropriate level.*

1. **Why Mass?**

*The Eucharist is the core of our faith tradition. It is our obligation and opportunity each week to spend time together, to rest in God’s love, to hear His words, to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, and then to go out into the world to share His love.*

1. **Do we go to both Saturday and Sunday sessions? Can I choose which day?**

*You will register for one or the other. You will be able to choose which of the two days best fits your schedule each month. Once you have registered for FFF, each month you will receive an email with directions for choosing your session. There will be some flexibility if you need to change your day.*

1. **How long will each session be?**

*Each session, including Mass will run about 2.5 hours.*

1. **What is the cost of the program?**

*The fee is $35.00 per person for the year. We cap the household fee at $140.00. If you have a child in 1st Communion prep there is an additional fee of $20 per child. For those in Confirmation prep there is an additional fee TBD.*

*Cost should never prevent participation. If cost is an issue, please contact the Faith Formation office at (518) 464-4776 or FFYM@ctkparishny.org. All conversations are treated with sensitivity and confidentiality.*

*We are grateful to several donors who have helped to underwrite the cost of the meals. Additional meal sponsors or help with an additional donation will be gladly and gratefully accepted!*

1. **How do I register my household for FFF this year?**

*Directions and a link to register online are available on the parish website, bulletin boards within the church and Parish Center, and through email. Information and assistance will always be available by calling the parish Faith Formation office at (518) 464-4776 or via email at FFYM@ctkparishny.org.*

1. **I am an adult without school-aged children. Why should I participate in the FFF?**

*FFF offers adults the opportunity to delve deeply into the riches of our Catholic teachings and traditions within a dynamic community of diverse learners. This program aims to support and empower everyone of any age on a lifelong faith journey. Wisdom most often comes with age, and those of you blessed with that wisdom have much to offer. Please join us, share your faith and wisdom, and continue to live out your baptismal call to live as a faithful witness to Christ!*

1. **Are babies and small children welcome at FFF?**

*Children at the Prekindergarten 4 school level are welcome to participate in the breakout group with the youngest participants. Although we cannot offer a nursery school level option, all other children, even infants and toddlers are always welcome at FFF.*

1. **What about First Eucharist and Confirmation?**

*Any child or youth who has completed the requisite first year of preparation, and whose parents wish for them to receive the sacrament of First Eucharist or Confirmation must attend the monthly FFF sessions. Each of these two levels will also include additional classes or sessions, as well as other Sacrament specific events and retreats to round out this very important stage of preparation. These additional activities will augment what is offered during regular FFF gatherings and will provide the preparation needed for the sacraments.*

1. **What are the dates?**

*September 20-21*

*October 25-26*

*November 15-16*

*December 13-14*

*January 10-11*

*Jan 31-Feb 1*

*March 14-15*

*April 25-26*

1. **Who do I contact with questions?**

*We welcome your questions and concerns. Contact our Faith Formation office at 518-464-4776 or email our director Marge Stockwell at* *mstockwell@ctkparishny.org**.*