



Immaculate Conception Church

Faith Formation

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Dear Parents,

Recently, the Religious Education/Youth Ministry Office became the Faith Formation Office. With this new title comes a refined focus. Accompanying young people as they learn about and develop their lifelong relationship with Jesus is our duty and our honor on the Faith Formation team. We help young people learn: to pray, about Church teaching and Sacred Traditions. These are indispensable tools as we walk with Jesus our whole lives; but only effective when we keep Jesus at the center, the crux of our efforts. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). We will keep Jesus first, as we pass on the beautiful plan God has for the salvation of each and every one of us. Our mission remains: Helping young people know, love, and serve God and neighbor.

Wednesday, **October 7th** will be the **first day of classes** for the 2026/2027 Faith Formation program-year for grades 1 through 11 at Immaculate Conception Church. Please register your children and/or teens by **September 16th or sooner**. Enclosed, please find these forms:

- This cover letter with dates and times of Faith Formation sessions on bottom back of this page
- Family Registration Form (please complete front & back, with details for each child)
- Additional Youth Form (only as needed)
- Photography Release Statement (all must complete, please)
- Safe Environment Opt-Out form (only return if you do NOT want your child to participate)

Faith Formation registration fee is still \$30.00 per child with a family max of \$100.00. This covers only a portion of the program costs. But please, do not let the cost keep your child from participating. Instead, give me a call and we can confidentially reduce or wave the fee as needed. 12th Graders who are preparing for Confirmation are invited to attend Faith Formation at no cost, but must be registered by their parents.

Cancellation Policy

When Pine City Schools are cancelled, have early release, or cancel after school or evening activities our afternoon and evening sessions are cancelled. If your child does not attend Pine City Schools, we will call the Primary Contact on the Registration form if Faith Formation is cancelled.

Elementary, Wednesdays 3:00—4:30

Starting directly after school (2:45—3:00) Students should:

- Enter through door 3, by the big parking lot
- Report to the basement for check-in and a snack
- About 4:30 wait to be picked up on the sidewalk in the big parking lot. *Parents, please drive or walk into the big parking lot to get your child.*

Jr. & Sr. High School, Wednesdays 7:00—8:30

- Enter through door 3, by the big parking lot
- Arrive early 6:45, and start in the basement with a snack, prayer, and announcements
- Release is about 8:30

We have been very blessed in recent years with energetic, faith-filled volunteers who joyfully serve Jesus by serving His children. Please remember our Catechists, Small Group Leaders, and helpers in your prayers.

Please consider serving as a teacher or assistant with Elementary grades; or as a Small Group Leader with Jr. & Sr. High students. We will also need substitutes for these roles. Another way to serve in the evening, is to help with set-up and clean-up of the snack. Serving with youth is a great way to broaden your knowledge and deepen your faith. If you can serve in any of these ways or have questions about other ways to help, please contact me.

➔ Parents of youth in the Jr/Sr High program please attend the first Wednesday evening session with your teen. We will have a little cook-out to get reacquainted. Then meet to make sure all of our expectations for the program year are in harmony. Again, this year we will invite each family to “adopt-a-Wednesday night”. One evening during the program year each family is invited to bring, serve, and tidy up after the snack. The snacks can be purchased or home-made; extravagant or simple. There will be a calendar that first Wednesday evening, so that together we can get those dates covered.

➔ Parents of Elementary youth in our program we will ask parents of each grade to drop off a shelf-stable snack for the whole elementary group. A letter from me will be sent home with your child when we are in need of snacks. We always have special diets snacks in the Faith Formation office.

Thank you for registering your family by **Wednesday, September 16th**. Please contact me If you would like to volunteer or have questions about the Faith Formation programs for young people at Immaculate Conception Church.

Peace to your home,



D. Lynette Forbes-Cardey
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Immaculate Conception Church Faith Formation 2026—2027	
Wednesdays	Elementary 2:40—4:30 PM
October 7	
October 21	
October 28	Jr/Sr High 7:00—8:30
November 4	
November 11	
November 18	
December 2	Arrive early for a snack!
December 9	
December 16	
January 6	Please help us keep students safe and avoid unnecessary calls to parents.
January 13	
January 20	Contact Lynette
January 27	if your child will not be attending or needs to leave Faith Formation early on a particular Wednesday.
February 3	
*February 10	
February 17	
February 24	
March 3	
March 10	
March 17	Office
March 24	320-629-3911 ext. 103
March 31	
April 7	Cell
April 14	763-442-7635
April 21	
April 28	Email
*No Jr/Sr High Ash Wednesday	lynette.forbes.cardey@duluthcatholic.org
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