



SMB Faith Formation – 2023/24



Weekly Faith Formation (Grades 1-7)

The primary formative event for all Faith Formation is the weekend Mass. We

therefore invite each family to make the commitment to participate in weekly worship together. Each weekend, beginning on **September 16/17**, pick up your family's packet of *Gospel Weeklies*! Each child will receive a fun magazine of activities to share with the family based on the following weekend's Mass readings. Parent Pages will help parents enjoy the activities with the family.

Monthly Gatherings (Grades 1-7) (choose one per month)

Families are encouraged to attend together! (see over)

September Wed. 20th @ 7pm Sun. 24th @ 9:30am	February Wed. 7th @ 7pm Sun. 11th @ 9:30am
October Wed. 11th @ 7pm Sun. 15th @ 9:30am	March Wed. 20th @ 7pm Thu. 21st @ 7pm
November Wed. 15th @ 7pm Thu. 16th @ 7pm	April Wed. 10th @ 7pm Sun. 14th @ 9:30am
December Wed. 13th @ 7pm Sun. 17th @ 9:30am	May Wed. 15th @ 7pm Sun. 19th @ 9:30am
January Wed. 17th @ 7pm Sun. 21st @ 9:30am	

Grade 2—Sundays @ 9:15am

First Reconciliation Preparation

December 3rd & 10th
January 7th, 14th & 28th
February 4th

First Reconciliation

Saturday Feb 10th @ 10am

First Eucharist Preparation

March 3rd, 10th & 17th
April 7th, 21st & 28th
Rehearsal/Retreat
Saturday May 4th, 10am-12pm

First Eucharist

Saturday May 11th, 10am

May Crowning

Sunday, May 12th, 10:30am

Confirmation Preparation—Grade 8

Sundays at 4:30pm followed by 6pm Mass (Monthly Gatherings optional)

Families are encouraged to join us for Mass following class

October 15th & 29th	March 3rd & 24th
November 12th & 19th	April 7th & 28th
December 3rd & 17th	May 5th & 19th
January 14th	

January 27th—Retreat 10a-3p
(St. Mary, Bristol)

February 4th & 11th

September 2024—Gathering (date to be determined)

Confirmation will be celebrated in Oct. 2024. Dates for Confirmation and rehearsal will be provided as soon as they are scheduled.

Service opportunities will be provided during the year and in the summer.

Please note that all dates listed on this page are subject to change. We will inform you of changes via the email address you have provided.

Christ Living Among Us

Monthly Gatherings

Each month we welcome and encourage your whole family to attend one of our **Monthly Gatherings in the parish hall.**

Our theme for this year is “Christ Living Among Us” as we focus on the **Eucharist and how the Eucharist shapes and defines our lives as Catholics.** We will join other believers during this period of nationwide Eucharistic Renewal in learning more about Jesus’ Real Presence in the Eucharist. We will discuss the various parts of the Mass and their significance, and throughout the year address themes such as: Why does our participation matter? How does our participation at Mass influence our daily lives? How does our reverence for Jesus truly present in the Eucharist move us to reverence Jesus truly present in the poor, the hungry, the sick and the marginalized? How does the liturgical year shape our lives as believers? What does it mean to say that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith? Why is it important that the Scriptures are proclaimed during Mass? As always we will enjoy activities and service projects together as we explore the liturgy.

In November we will address our theme as it specifically pertains to the liturgical themes of the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Please notice that for this month your family can choose either a Wednesday or Thursday evening gathering. And we will invite our parish family to join us.