

**St. Anthony of Padua
Faith Formation 2016-2017**



Welcome to St. Anthony of Padua Faith Formation! We serve all children and their families from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Faith Formation serves the entire family. First, our classes provide ongoing formation for students who have received the sacraments as well as serve the needs of children who have not received the sacraments. Faith Formation is liturgically based and age group appropriate. Throughout the year key elements of Catholic teaching are woven into the lessons; *Profession of Faith, Bible, Liturgy & Worship, Life in Christ, Social Teaching, Prayer and Catholic Treasury.*

Secondly, and most importantly, the faith formation process at St. Anthony of Padua wishes to partner with YOU, the parents! Once per month we hold a gathering for our parents to build community with the one another, share our own stories of faith as well as learn from one another ways to live out our faith in our homes every day. Parents are strongly encouraged to join us for these interactive sessions.

WHAT SESSION DO WE NEED?

Class	Age Group	Notes
Promise	Kinder & 1 st Grade	Classes are offered on Sunday from 10:15-11:15 or Wednesday from 4:00pm-5:00pm. For those preparing for sacraments, see Expectations below.
Good News	2 nd & 3 rd Grade	
Venture	4 th & 5 th Grade	

CALENDAR OF CLASSES

Depending on your selection, classes begin Sunday, September 18 at 10:15am or Wednesday, September 21 at 4:00pm. A calendar will be available by early August.

EXPECTATIONS FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Weekly Sunday Mass attendance is the most essential component in a child’s faith formation. Sunday Mass attendance is the heart of who we are as Catholics. Children who do not attend mass regularly may be delayed in receiving the sacraments. To encourage mass participation and stewardship, students will receive weekly envelopes for filling out and placing in the weekly mass collection. These envelopes are provided by the church and the cost included in the fee. We encourage all students to contribute whatever they can to help support their parish. This can be done in one of three ways:

Time	Talent	Treasure
<i>What have you given to God this week in SERVICE or devotion?</i>	<i>What ways have you shared the gifts God gave you to SERVE the community?</i>	<i>What financial treasure do you wish to GIVE this week?</i>

- **Family participation at Sunday (or Saturday vigil) mass.**
- **Class attendance.** Children who miss more than three classes may be delayed in receiving sacraments. Promptness is appreciated by catechists and students.

FEEs

Full payment is due at the time of registration. Payment includes the cost of all materials and supplies. Checks should be made payable to *St. Anthony of Padua Parish*. Payment arrangements can be made to accommodate those in need. **No one is denied instruction due to finances.**

One student	Two students	Three students	Four or more
\$125.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$20 each additional