

E-mail correspondence

You've got mail! There will be reminders for all Faith Formation Programs and activities, as well as sacramental preparation sessions sent via e-mail. Please check your email.

Inclement Weather

If the **Swan Valley School District** is closed due to weather conditions, there will be NO formation sessions that afternoon or evening in our Parish.

If school is in session, but weather conditions deteriorate during the day, please call to see if sessions are occurring. Remember, safety is the primary concern.

Absentee Policy

If your child is unable to attend a scheduled formation session, please call the Formation Office to inform us.

The number is 989-781-3330. Your child's safety is very important to us. A phone call will help us know their whereabouts.

Health Concerns

Please contact Melissa or Sandy if there are any health concerns we should know about. If you indicated a concern on the registration form catechists will be informed of your child's condition. If for some reason you desire that not to occur please let us know.



Safety Policy

Arrival & Dismissal

- When dropping off your child for Faith Formation sessions, please be sure that they are safely in the building before leaving.
- Please come inside the building to pick up your child after classes. Children will only be

released to parent/guardian unless written notice is provided by parent/guardian to Melissa or Sandy.

- Please be prompt in picking up your child at the end of sessions.

Protecting God's Children

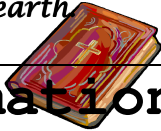
We are protecting God's children. Each catechist is required to have a background check, sign a standards of ministerial behavior acknowledgment form and attend a VIRTUS program. VIRTUS is a program designed to help prevent "wrong doing" and promote "right doing" with religious organizations. This program empowers organizations and people to better control risk and improve lives of all those who interact with the Church.

To report suspected or known cases of child sexual abuse call Children's Protective Services, 989-758-1791.

For anyone wishing to seek assistance for sexual abuse

call Child & Family Services of Saginaw County, 989-790-7500.

*Let us pray,
Loving God let us find among ourselves
and in one another a very special
community of faith—so that our simple
efforts to preach the Good News of the
kingdom may truly, someday, reach the
ends of the earth.
Amen*



Faith Formation

Faith Formation is the ongoing, life-long commitment which helps us grow in Christ's love.

As Christian people, we can do this through the following components:

Evangelization - reaching out to people who are not involved in the life of our community and inviting them into a relationship with Jesus and our Christian community

Catechists - promoting a person's growth in Christian faith through the kind of teaching and learning that emphasizes understanding, reflection and transformation.

Prayer & Worship - assisting people in deepening their relationship with Jesus in a caring Christian community through the development of a personal prayer life and a variety of prayer and worship experiences.

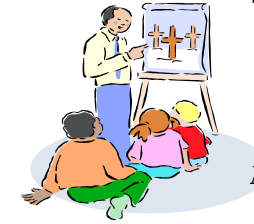
Community Life - building Christian community through programs and relationship to help people feel like a valued part of our community.

Justice & Service - developing a Christian social consciousness and a commitment to a life of justice and peace through educational programs and service involvement.

Advocacy - making the needs of people known in order to respond to them and make changes in the system that creates the injustice.

Pastoral Care - providing people with sources of support and counsel as they face difficult times, transition and spiritual growth.

What should your child know...

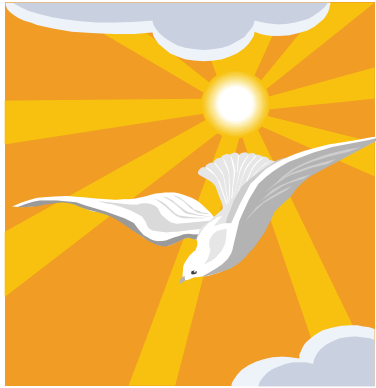


Sign of the Cross
Our Father
Hail Mary
Glory Be
Sacraments
Act of Contrition
Ten Commandments
The Great Commandment
Beatitudes
Nicene Creed
Order of the Mass
Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Fruits of the Spirit
Holy Days
Works of Mercy
Way of the Cross

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Faith Formation
Policies



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