

## **HANDBOOK FAITH FORMATION 2025/2026**

We are reducing the number of classes for all grades to 12 for the year (from 23) which allows us to have more family events. There is a limit of two absences from classes.

**All classes will be at the St. Aloysius Faith Formation building (next to the church).** We will have sessions for grades 1-7 open on Mondays and Tuesdays. There will be two time slots on each day: 5-6 p.m. and 6:20-7:20 p.m.

Cell phones will be collected at the beginning of class to avoid distraction unless there is a certified medical condition. Our volunteers need our children's attention in class.

Confirmation classes for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade will be on Sundays for 90 minutes from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

We will have a "Parent Café" during each class in the main conference room in the CHURCH HALL. We will offer coffee and refreshments along with wifi. This is a no-pressure atmosphere. We want to give you a place to relax that is more comfortable than your car! We will also play a video during the café on an aspect of the faith and there will be time for socializing with other parents.

We will have five significant family retreats offered during the year which will include a meal. Families will be asked to attend three of them.

We will have smaller events during the year called "Grow in Faith" family events. We ask you to attend three of these smaller events of your choice over the course of the year (bringing the total number of family events to six that should be attended).

First- and second-year Confirmation students will be required to attend two additional events held by our youth ministry. They hold events throughout the school year.

We will hold two brief Virtus/Protecting God's Children sessions for classes two times during the year which will be age appropriate to let the children know what to do in certain situations where boundaries are being crossed. This is a requirement from the Archdiocese.

Program pricing:

- One child: \$85.00
- Two children: \$165
- Three or more children: \$205
- \$40.00 confirmation retreat fee added for children in 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation

All payments are due at the time of registration. Payments will help us pay for books, supplies and food for our large family retreats and for supplies and snacks at the smaller "growing in faith" events. For registrations that come in after July 15, there will be a \$20 late fee because we order the books that month.

Any catechist who has children in the program will have all fees waived.

Registrations are open at [stlukect.org](http://stlukect.org) under the "Youth Faith Formation" tab at the top.