

Children's Faith Formation

Parent Information

As you embark on this faith journey with your child(ren), take the long view. This isn't about them passing a test or remembering every detail of something. We are doing this together so that your child grows in their faith, a lived faith that they embrace and cherish every day of their entire lives. A faith that is the foundation of how they make decisions and choose their actions and responses. A faith that lives in both their heads and hearts.

Parent Notes

Faith Formation Website – www.saintannefaithformation.org

Remember to use the links to the Gospel Weekly and Finding God detailed instructions. The links are the titles of the Gospel Weekly and Finding God boxes on the Home page of the Faith Formation website.

- Do the Gospel Weeklies separately from Finding God, the topics do not align and sometimes cause confusion for the child. It's also a lot at one time. Use the citations in the Gospel Weekly to read the passage from the Bible (or USCCB.org) and then from the Gospel Weekly to help translate it for them.
- Do not sit at a desk and make this look like homework or school!
- Fit it into life by sectioning out the Finding God pages as per the sections in each Session. Use the instructions found on the website to help with this. Gospel Weekly activities can also be completed over the course of several days.
- Ways to fit in both items:
 - Complete the Gospel Weekly reading before Mass. That may mean Friday evening or sometime on Saturday.
 - Use the Finding God and/or Gospel Weekly reading as bedtime reading and/or for school reading minutes.
 - Talk in the car, at a meal, while you are folding laundry or making dinner, whenever you have a minute to talk or your child has a question.

Attend and participate in Mass! If you show your child that faith is important, they will take it more seriously. Encourage your child to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 and 11:00 am Sunday Masses, you'll both be glad you did.

Spend time yourself connecting to faith in whatever way appeals to you – podcasts, daily reflections, reading the Bible, participating in adult faith gatherings or Bible study groups.

REMEMBER: You are the greatest influence on your elementary school child. Take this opportunity to prepare them to meet life's challenges and to live joyfully in God's everlasting love.