

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedure



- All children in grades 1-5 should be escorted to their classroom and picked up from their classroom by a parent or authorized adult.
- All teens in grades 6-9 should enter the Church for the beginning of each class.
- Parents may wait for their children in the gym until the end of class.
- Teens in middle school and high school will be dismissed from the DugOut door.

Parking



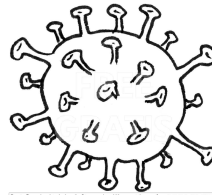
- Parking is available in the MARKED SPACES only.
- Do NOT park in the fire lanes or in the driveway blocking traffic.

Cancellation of Classes



- Afternoon and evening classes will be cancelled if Norton public schools are closed or their afternoon activities are cancelled.
- Keep updated with Facebook, the parish faith formation site, and the message on the answering machine.

Covid Guidelines



We will continue to follow diocesan and state guidelines to maintain a safe environment for our children and catechists. This may mean that we will need to make changes as the year progresses.

- We will follow the Norton Public Schools mandates on masks.
- Hand sanitizer is available in every room and at the entrance.
- Individual supplies will be given and not shared during class.

Saint Mary's Faith Formation



Policies and Procedures

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Tasks of Faith Formation

National Directory for Catechesis. 2005. #20.

- Faith formation promotes
 - Knowledge of the Catholic faith
 - Knowledge of the meaning of Liturgy and the Sacraments
 - Moral formation in Jesus Christ
 - A missionary spirit that prepares the faithful to be present as Christians in society.
- Faith formation teaches the Christian how to pray with Christ.
- Faith formation prepares the Christian to live in community and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church.



The Great Commission

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (Matthew 28:19-20).

Special Activities 2021-2022

Family Events:

- All Saints/Halloween Party
- Advent Wreath Making
- Parents' Day Out Babysitting
- Nativity Play
- Family Mardi Gras Party
- Family Movie Night
- Middle and High School Good Friday Day of Reflection
- Easter Egg Hunt



Grade Level Activities:

- Gr. 1 God Loves Me Retreat
- Gr. 1 & 2 Tour of the Church
- Gr. 2 First Reconciliation
- Gr. 2 Reconciliation & Eucharist Retreats
- Gr. 2 First Eucharist
- Gr. 2 Crowning of Mary
- Gr. 3 Nativity Play
- Gr. 4 Living Rosary
- Gr. 4/5 Retreat w/ Teaching Mass
- Gr. 6 Living Stations
- Gr. 6 - 9 Good Friday Day of Reflection
- Confirmation I Mandatory retreat
- Gr. 8 & 9 4th Watch evening of Adoration and Confession
- Confirmation II Mandatory Retreat
- Confirmation

Parental Role and Responsibility



Parents have the primary responsibility for the education of their children.

- Create a home of tenderness, forgiveness, and respect
- Be a good example to your children
- Admit your own failings and seek forgiveness
- Teach your children how to pray
- Bring your children to Mass and Confession
- Help your child discover their vocation as a child of God.

(CCC 2223, 2226)

Our faith is not a school subject, but a way of living. The way you model the Christian Life to your family is more impactful than what we can accomplish in a classroom.

Baptismal Certificate



A copy of the Baptismal Certificate is needed at the time of registration if your child was not baptized at Saint Mary's or you have not already submitted a sealed copy.