



Policies 2022-2023

Communication:

Communication about the Faith Formation program will utilize both email and text communication through the Flocknote program. We urge you to communicate with Catechists or the Director of Faith Formation by replying to messages from Flocknote contact, either via email or text. You may also make an account at Flocknote.com where you can directly message catechists.

Empowering God's Children

The annual Empowering God's Children Education program will be offered as the January at home lesson for Pre-K-5th and RCIT, and during classes for 6th grade and up. Parents will be asked to sign an opt-out waiver if they will not partake in sessions or teach the lesson at home. Details, lessons, and opt-out forms will be sent via email through Flocknote.

Learning Policies:

Sunday Class Schedule: Classes are from 9:45 a.m.- 10:50 a.m. Sunday mornings. Sunday classes will have 1 family lesson at home per month as noted on the calendar. As noted in the calendar most school holidays are off from classes. In addition to these, students are allowed up to 3 absences per year. Any absences in addition to this must be made up for a child to advance to the next year of Sacramental Preparation or receive a Sacrament that year. It is the students/parents responsibility to request lessons from Catechists, finish and return them.

RCIT Classes that meet on Sundays will still have quarterly meetings on Wednesday evenings with the rest of the Confirmation group.

Edge Classes Edge/Confirmation: Class is from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Students are

allowed 4 absences per year from in-person classes. Any absences in excess of 4 will be required to be make-up lessons. It is the students/parents responsibility to request lessons from Catechists, finish and return them. Students who are in Year 1 or Year 2 of Sacramental Preparation must complete these in order to advance to the next year or to receive a Sacrament that year.

Family Lessons: Classes for Pre-K-5th and Sunday RCIT have one lesson per month for the family to complete together. For the lesson to be deemed completed, the applicable activity needs to be sent to blsacfamilylessons@gmail.com these lessons count toward the overall attendance for the year.

Drop-off Procedure: Please do not drop off your child until the start of classes once their Catechist is in the classroom. Frequent tardiness will be counted as an absence.

Pick-up Procedure: Parents may wait outside their child's classroom for classes to be completed. Please do not interrupt the class before the Catechist has dismissed the class except for emergencies. If someone other than the child's parents will be picking them up, the Catechist or assistant must be notified at the start of classes.

Discipline in the Classroom:

- All students are expected to treat all Catechists and volunteers with respect and follow directions in the classroom.
- If an issue occurs where catechists will contact parents.
- If necessary a meeting with the Director of Faith Formation will be arranged.

Active Status:

- All families in Faith Formation should be striving to be active and practicing Catholics if sending their children to Faith Formation classes.
- Families in Sacramental preparation must maintain active status in our parish to continue in formation for Sacramental Preparation and to receive a Sacrament that year.
- Active status in our parish is verified by the placing of envelopes even if empty at Masses.
- Families that are traveling may send a copy of the bulletin where they attend Mass to bschurch@charlestdiocese.org
- Notification will be sent via letter in the mail from Fr. Aj if a family is in danger of becoming inactive or becomes inactive and illegible for Sacraments that year.

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Faith Formation,
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