

Early Bird Rates: June 1-June 30
Summer Registration Rates: July 1-August 15
End of Summer Registration Rates: Aug 15-Aug 31
All Rates are indicated in the Registration System.

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY!

**NOTE: Registration accepted
June 1 - August 31 only!
Don't delay, register today!**



2020-2021

Faith Formation Ministries Handbook

Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church
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New This Year... ONLINE REGISTRATION!

Go to the Parish Website and look on the home page for the Faith Formation Registration button to access the registration system.
www.OurLadyOfThePines.org

Few Important Things to Note:

- If your child is registering for more than one program (E.G. Illumin8 and Spirit Confirmation), you will need to add their names TWICE to your family household. This is one of our genius hacks to make our registration work for our Parish.
Joseph, Mary, Jesus, Jesus
- Fusion New and Returning
If your family is registering for Fusion, you will only need to register the head of your household. This allows us to assign only one fee for your entire family. Later in the registration process, you will be asked to list all family members, grades, and other important information.
- Medical, Photo, and Activity Release
These required releases have been combined into one document. Once you submit your family's registration, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to this document. It is very important that this last step is completed so that we can keep your family's privacy and health as a top priority. Your registration is NOT complete until this document is completed. We are required by the Diocese to have this information on file.
- Registration Questions
Our Faith Formation Team will be available through email, FaithFormationTeam@ourladyofthepines.org, and will respond to you within 48 hours by email or phone call if needed. To help us keep respond more quickly, please only use this email address for questions.

OLP Faith Formation Ministries

Family-Centered Faith Formation For ALL Ages

Are you a family that has a desire to grow in your faith TOGETHER AS A FAMILY?
Then FUSION! may just be for you!



FUSION! is an original ministry which truly empowers parents as the primary educators of the Catholic Faith! Fusion! combines large group "rally" sessions, at-home sessions, service opportunities and so much more! Fusion brings to life the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Holy Bible and through hands-on interactive family friendly studies helping all members of the family continue to grow in their Faith!

From newborns through college-age... and beyond - (grandparents always welcome too!) - this interactive ministry is hands-on, unpredictable, sometimes crazy and sometimes serious... just like family life! If you are sick of running in different directions and are looking for something that truly brings your family together... **FUSION!** is for you! Dare to join the adventure!

What is the Commitment? Select Saturday evenings from 5:45-8pm. Commitment of completing the Fusion! "AT-HOME" sessions is essential as well as parish-wide & faith formation yearly events!

FUSION! can include Sacrament Preparation for families with youth preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Staff Contact: Doug and Jennifer Brummel



Grades: K, 1, 3, 4 (Grade 2 — Look at Every Second Counts)

Get ready to set sail on this fun and amazing VOYAGE of Children's Faith Formation Ministry.

This exciting, original program welcomes children into an environment of life-long learning! Through a fast-paced, innovative and experience-based format, children will begin their journey of discipleship in ways which help them love the faith, live the faith and share the faith!

Sail into DISCIPLEship ... This ministry incorporates both large group and small group learning through interactive, hands-on, and creative methods bringing our Catholic Faith to life! Sessions start and end in the Church with time spent in the parish hall lower level rooms as well.

What is the Commitment? Voyagers is part of our BIG WEDNESDAY Faith Formation held on select Wednesdays.

2 Options: 4:00-5:30pm or 6:00-7:30pm as well as parish-wide & faith formation yearly events!

PARENT'S ROLE: Parents are asked to participate in the Openings and Closings of each BIG WEDNESDAY session in the church. Additionally, parents also make a commitment to spend time with their children completing the "GOSPEL WEEKLIES" take-home material, as these materials are an essential part of the ministry. These materials rely on families participating in Sunday Mass each week and help the readings and the very Mass itself come alive to our children and is an integral part of the Voyagers Ministry!

Staff Contact: Maggie Wilson



First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Preparation— Grade 2

Second grade is a very important year in our children's sacramental life! This original ministry brings children preparing for these Sacraments and their parents together for creative and interactive catechesis which serves as their Faith Formation for this year.

Special Welcome Orientation Sessions for parent and child are in August!

What is the Commitment? Parents are empowered to act as their child's first and primary educator of the Catholic Faith especially during this year of preparation, honoring the Baptismal promises parents made at their child's Baptism. Parents make a commitment to help their child grow in their faith through prayer, acts of service, participation at Mass each week, participation in parish life, as well as taking time at home each week to study their Sacrament Books.

As a large group, BOTH parents (at least one) and the child preparing for the Sacrament, participate in the parish ministry EVERY SECOND COUNTS (on selected Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm) as well as parish-wide & faith formation yearly events!

Staff Contact: Doug & Jennifer Brummel



LIGHTHOUSE- Grades 5 & 6

Get ready for a new and exciting track for our 5th and 6th graders as part of our BIG WEDNESDAY Sessions. This hands-on, station-based faith formation ministry will empower our young church to let the Light of our great God shine through their lives and show them the way of discipleship... just like a real Lighthouse!

What is the Commitment? Select Wednesdays. **2 Options: 4:00-5:30pm or 6:00-7:30pm**, as well as a commitment to participate in parish-wide & faith formation yearly events!

PARENT'S ROLE: Parents are asked to participate in the Openings and Closings of each BIG WEDNESDAY session in the church. Additionally, parents also make a commitment to spend time with their children completing the "GOSPEL WEEKLIES" take-home material, as these materials are an essential part of the ministry, as well as attend Mass weekly.

Staff Contact: Megan Vrooman



Illumin8- Grades 7 & 8

Letting God's light shine through us is a major part of our journey of discipleship with Jesus, so get ready to let the light of Jesus Illumin8 through your very life!

As part of our BIG WEDNESDAY Faith Formation Session, Illumin8 begins and ends with Prayer and Catechesis in the Church with the larger community of formation.

In between, Illumin8 participants embark on unexpected adventures which bring the teachings of the Catholic Church to life through creative and hands-on activities, discussions, and effective teaching methods empowering our young disciples to have the courage to live out their Faith in their everyday life!

What is the commitment? Select Wednesdays. **2 Options: 4:00-5:30pm or 6:00-7:30pm**, as well as a commitment to participate in parish-wide & faith formation yearly events!

PARENT'S ROLE: Parents are asked to participate in the Openings and Closings of each BIG WEDNESDAY session in the church. Additionally, parents also make a commitment to spend time with their children completing the "GOSPEL WEEKLIES" take-home material, as these materials are an essential part of the ministry, as well as attend Mass weekly.

Staff Contact: Megan Vrooman



Confirmation Preparation Ministry- Grades 8-12

"Spirit" is a year of ministry for our young people preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our dedicated Confirmation team will journey with participants as they prepare their hearts, minds and very souls to receive this Sacrament of Initiation, and prepare to dedicate their life to Jesus Christ as a disciple who is filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

See the back of this Handbook for detailed information about this ministry preparation for Confirmation.

(Please Note: If a youth is registered in Fusion, "Spirit" is not required.)

What is the Commitment? Select Wednesday evenings throughout the year, 6-8pm. Additionally they, with the guidance of their parents, commit to dedicate themselves to the "Spirit-at-Home" components of this important year of faith development. Parents and sponsors play a vital role as they journey with these young people during this time of preparation. Special Welcome Orientation Sessions for parent and child are in August!

Staff Contact: Megan Vrooman



Called- Grades 9-12

We are CALLED to continually grow in our Faith every day! This new and exciting opportunity for our 9th-12th High School students will bring to life the beauty of our Catholic Faith and empower our young church to follow God's call in their life!

All of our High School teens play an important role in our parish family life. Come and see how YOU are being CALLED! Real-Authentic-Sincere-Fun-Interactive-Prayer-Learning-Accepting-Listening-Discussing-Faith-Filled Sessions await! Expect the unexpected each and every session!

What is the Commitment? Teens gather on select Sunday evening sessions throughout the year, 6:45-8:30pm, as well as parish-wide & faith formation yearly events!

Staff Contact: Jennifer Brummel

Sacrament Preparation

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

These sacraments are offered to children in the 2nd grade who attended Faith Formation the previous year.

If you have an older child ready to receive these two Sacraments, please contact evangelization@ourladyofthepines.org for additional Sacrament preparation options.

Every Second Counts

This preparation process is offered through the Office of Marriage and Family Life & serves as the Faith Formation for 2nd graders this year.

2nd graders and their parents journey through this process together!

See page 2 for more details about this program!



Baptism

We welcome families who wish to bring a new life into the Catholic Family! Please contact the Pastor's Office, to begin your special journey! Baptisms of children over the age of 7, teens, and adults traditionally take place through the Rite of Christian Initiation Ministry (RCIA). Please email: BecomingCatholic@ourladyofthepines.org



Matrimony

We welcome couples who wish to join together as one through the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please contact Deacon Bill Bollwerk at least 12 months prior to the wedding date to begin this special of a lifetime!



Holy Orders

We welcome all those who are discerning a vocational call to the priesthood or diaconate. If you or someone you know may be discerning this call, please contact our Pastor, Father Andrzej.



Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone you know is gravely ill, please contact our Pastor, Father Andrzej, to receive this special Sacrament of Healing.

Confirmation Ministry Q&A

What are this year's Confirmation Ministry options?

For 2020-2021 there are ordinarily two preparation options:

- **Spirit:** See Page 3
- **FUSION!**: See Page 2

Who is eligible to be Confirmed?

As per the Bishop's request, the Sacrament of Confirmation is ordinarily conferred on children in the 8th grade or above. We encourage those at this age level to discern, with the support of their parents, if they have a desire to be a full member of the Church.

One year or two year program?

As per the updated Diocesan Guidelines, it is required that those who wish to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church through Confirmation be active in Faith Formation the year PREVIOUS to beginning Confirmation Ministry. The Confirmation Ministry itself is a one year process.

What large group sessions are candidates asked to attend in addition to their monthly Confirmation session?

We ask that all candidates and their families be our special guests at the "5th Saturday Whole-Community Celebration (date TBD). This celebration will be a fun and faith-filled celebration with a good mix of music, learning, prayer, all to bring us closer to Christ and His Church.

What about Service?

Service is more than an action. It is an attitude. Each candidate is to discern their gifts and talents and how they can use them in better service to their family, parish, community and world. There will be sponsored opportunities throughout the year

that candidates are expected to attend.

Will there be sessions for candidates & sponsors only?

As a special part of our Confirmation preparation, there will be a "JUST US" Retreat Day for **both Sponsors and Candidates**. Date to be announced.

How should a candidate pick their sponsor?

The Church has asked that candidates choose their sponsors personally. Sponsors should be at least 16 years of age, fully initiated, practicing Catholics, and not the mother or father of the candidate. Canon Law states that it is preferable that the sponsor be the baptismal sponsor so the link between Baptism and Confirmation is clearly defined.

When is the Confirmation Celebration?

Confirmation will be celebrated with one of our Bishops after Easter 2021. Once the official date is released by the Diocese we will communicate it to all families involved, including our parish family.