



ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FAITH FORMATION

Live a life worthy of the calling you have received. *Eph.4:1*

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

Vision & Mission: At the heart of catechesis we find a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth. ... Accordingly, the definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ: only He can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity. (Cf. *Catechesi Tradendae*, # 5, Pope St. John Paul II)

John 1:38 & 39 “Jesus turned and saw [two of John’s disciples] following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come, and you will see.’ So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day.” Jesus invites the two disciples to come and get to know Him. He doesn’t offer a package of information, but an invitation to come and discover His activity in their lives. Faith formation is a lifelong process of entering ever deeper into communion with the Lord and sharing that faith with others.

During your child’s Rite of Baptism, Parents and Godparents ask to have the child baptized. “In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him up to keep God’s commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor.”

We are so grateful you are joining us on this journey to share our faith with God’s children.

All Saints Catholic Church Faith Formation Programs

Welcome to All Saints Catholic Church Faith Formation Programs.
Our programs are offered to children Pre-K age 4 through high school.

Schedule

The Faith Formation Schedule is handed out to every family on registration night. It is also posted on the parish website under faith formation. At times modifications may be made, you will be notified of any changes. The class times for each group are as follows:

- Pre-K- Kindergarten- During the Sunday Mass at 9:00 am.
- 1st Grade- 5th grade- Sundays from 10:15 am to 11:45 am.
- 6th Grade-9th grade- Wednesday Evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.
- 10th-12th grade – a calendar will be provided

Severe Weather Policy

In the event that there is severe weather that prevents holding Faith Formation classes, you will be notified by email or through the **MyParish App Text App** to **88202** to connect or visit

<https://myparishapp.com/> .

Attendance Policy

Regular class attendance is extremely important, and to assure continued quality religious education for your children and youth, your assistance is requested in having students on time for all sessions. With each student being promptly on time for arrival and departure, all will benefit from full participation in the instruction. Attendance for Faith Formation (FF) classes is very important as your children are preparing to participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. If your child will not be attending a FF class please email your child's Catechist or contact the Director of Religious Education (DRE 910-270-1477 ext. 27; faithform@allsaintscnc.org).

Faith Formation Enrollment and Fees

Each new school year, All Saints Catholic Church holds open enrollment for all students in August. New students to our parish need to complete a paper form; forms are available at open enrollment or and on our [website](#). If you are re-enrolling student(s), parents will receive an email and may confirm re-enrollment at that time.

*In addition to completing an enrollment form for Faith Formation parents may be asked to complete additional forms for Sacramental Preparations for First Communion and Confirmation and may require a copy of additional certificates.

Parents may make a payment for the new school year through our online giving, by check or cash.

- The cost for a family with one student enrolled is \$25.
- The cost for a family with multiple students enrolled is \$40.

To make a payment:

- Online, visit allsaintscnc.org/edufees
- TEXT 25 FFFEE to 88202 or 40 FFFEE to 88202
- Make check payable to All Saints Catholic Church, with Faith Formation in memo
- Make a cash payment in the office or in person to the DRE

Text Alerts

We recommend that you install the MyParish App to receive mobile phone alerts regarding Faith Formation classes and to connect with All Saints' parish activities.

Text **App** to **88202** or download at <https://myparishapp.com/>

Materials/Programs

All materials used in All Saints Faith Formation program are cross-referenced to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) and supported by scripture. The four pillars of the CCC are belief, worship and witness, a Christ centered moral life, and prayer, which are expressed by the creeds, celebration in the Mass, the Sacraments, sacred scripture and prayer. Materials and lessons for each grade level is readily available in the Faith Formation Office.

Safety

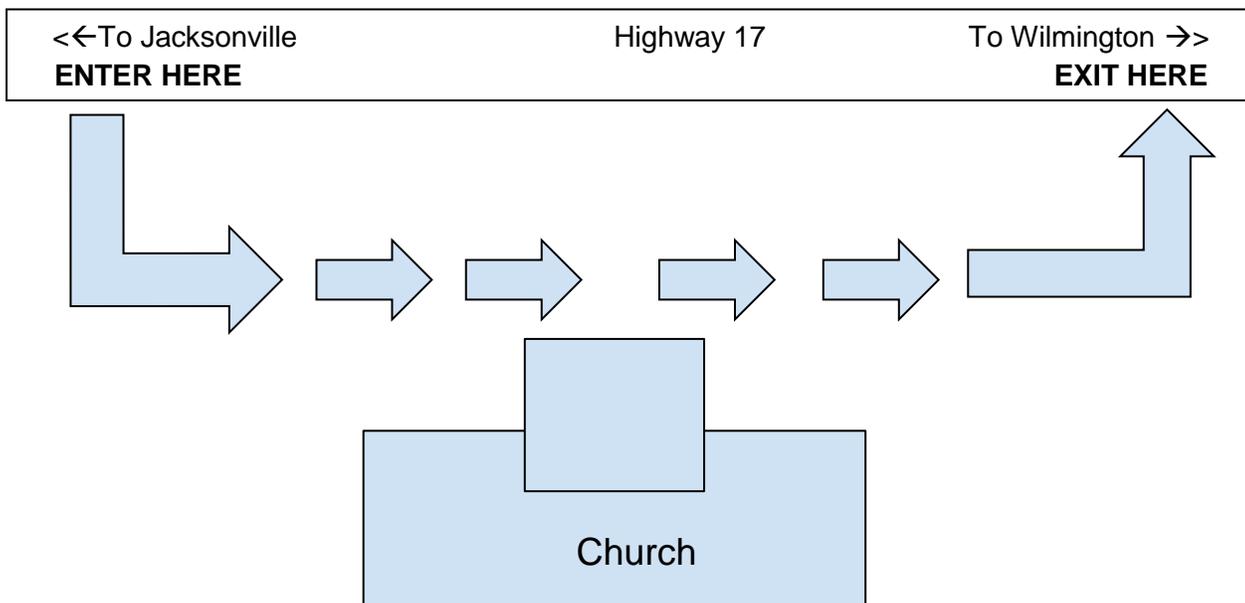
Safety of our children and youth is a high priority. As teachers of the Catholic Faith, all Catechists are required to complete the Safe Environments Training every five years. According to the Safe Environment Program of the Diocese of Raleigh vision statement, the Safe Environment Program “strives to empower parishes, schools, families, and individuals to create and foster safe and healthy environments for children and youth in all aspects of their lives. We strive to achieve this through preventive measures, as well as educational strategies.”

Parents can read more on Safe Environments through the Diocese of Raleigh:

<http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/child-and-youth-protection>

Safety and a safe church environment are priorities for all parish members, and we request parent assistance in helping our teachers and students by following the rules listed below.

1. During Mass, Pre-K age 4 through Kindergarten will be called to the front and will be led to the Faith Formation class by the Catechist. After the homily, students will return to their parents. It is helpful to sit near the end of an aisle or in a regular location so your child can easily locate you.
2. Please walk your student to the appropriate classroom for grades 1-5.
3. On Wednesday evening we ask that students be dropped off at the front of the church between 6:15pm and 6:25 pm. Please follow map guide for safety purposes.
*Please be cautious of students walking in the parking lot and yield to all students crossing to the entrance of the church.
4. We request that students not be dropped off without the presence of a classroom teacher or assistant. If a classroom adult is not present, please stay with your child until a teacher arrives.
5. Our programs are provided by our amazing volunteer catechists. Please respect the time they share with your student. Classes end on time. Please make arrangements to ensure that your student is picked up at the end of each class promptly on time.



Class Atmosphere and Conduct

It is important that all students learn in a safe and healthy environment. To insure this, we ask all students follow these rules.

- Respect God and others.
- Raise your hand if you wish to speak.
- Be a good listener when others are speaking.
- Follow directions.
- Respect the space and property of the church and others.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

Failure to follow the above rules will result in the following actions:

1. The Catechist will redirect the student's behavior in the classroom.
2. If behavior continues, the student will meet with the Director of Religious Education.
3. The DRE and student will contact the student's parent to discuss a discipline strategy.

Parents

Parents have a primary and irreplaceable role in handing-on the faith to their children. The Church calls the family *the domestic church* since it is the first place that children hear the Word of God and the first place where they experience being loved. We are committed to assisting and supporting parents in their role as the first heralds of the faith. (Cf. *Lumen Gentium* # 11, Second Vatican Council)

We request that you help by doing the following:

1. Attend weekly Mass and keep feasts
2. Review the weekly materials with children that are received during class and taken home.
3. Read the Bible, review weekly lessons, and prayers with children/youth.
4. Help their child in forming a good conscience and a Christian code of morality.
5. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly with their families.
6. Participate in meetings, activities and prayers that are planned to help their child(ren) prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
7. Share your faith—how do you live or act differently because of your religious beliefs?
8. Discuss social questions and issues based on the teachings of Christ.