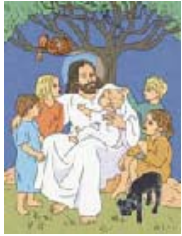


Special Circumstances

Parent Involvement and Volunteers



The Church teaches that parents are the primary religious educators of their children. Faith Formation does not take the place of religion or faith taught in the home. The parish Faith Formation program is designed to assist and support parents, not to replace them. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend Mass with their children on a regular basis.

More than 100 volunteers from the parish teach Faith Formation for grades 1-12. Classes are taught in teams of two.

Volunteering for this important ministry is very rewarding. No special training is required, although, teacher sessions are offered in August. The Church offers ongoing Catechist formation for those who wish to participate. Volunteering is a 2-3 hour weekly commitment from September-May. Men, women, grandparents, and adults without children are welcome to volunteer.

All Volunteers must have a Diocesan Background Check, complete a Volunteer Profile and attend one session of Protecting God's Children.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

(RCIC)

This program is offered for children in grades 4 and up who are beyond the typical age celebrating Baptism or First Eucharist.

Families must be registered members of the parish.

Children are to be registered in Faith Formation for one year. In the second year, children are to be enrolled in Faith Formation AND enrolled in RCIC.

RCIC meets once per month, on Tuesday evenings from October thru May.

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Faith Formation

Basic Information

Faith Formation is the program that provides for the faith development of children who do not attend Catholic School. Parents are the primary religious educators of their children and Faith Formation is one way parents may seek assistance with their baptismal promise to raise their children in the Catholic faith.

Faith Formation is a current term for programs previously known as CCD or religious education.

Participation in Faith Formation is mandatory for celebrating Sacraments in the Church.

Faith Formation is offered for grades 1-9. T4C is offered for high school teens.

Family must be a registered member of the parish to enroll in Faith Formation.

Faith Formation classes meet once per week from September thru May for approximately 29 sessions. Classes are one hour in length.

Children are expected to attend from grades 1-9 in succession without taking years off between Sacraments.

Preparation for Sacraments is a two year period as mandated by the Diocese of Charlotte.

St. Luke uses "We Believe" published by Sadlier.

Once per year, Touching Safety lessons are offered for children of all grades as part of the charter for Protecting God's Children.

All volunteers have had a background check and attended a session of Protecting God's Children.

Fees

The fees assessed for Faith Formation cover less than half of the total cost of the running of the program. The parish receives no profit from Faith Formation fees. The Finance Council makes all efforts to control costs.



Teens 4 Christ is St. Luke's Youth Ministry program offered to high school students in grades 9-12. Students must be registered members of the parish and register for T4C through Faith Formation.

T4C meets on Sundays, fourteen times from September thru May. It meets on the same Sundays as Faith Formation. Activities include religious formation, social awareness, service and social events.

**Faith Formation:
Enabling Children
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