

Curriculum Overview

Image of God Curriculum

St. Boniface Faith Formation uses the *Image of God* curriculum for grades K-6. This program is centered on the approach found in the writings and teachings of Saint Pope John Paul II. This approach stresses the dignity of each individual as a person made in the image of God.

Kindergarten

The “Who Am I?” program is a Catholic curriculum for kindergarten children. This program has as its emphasis, two key truths of the Faith: God and creation. It stresses the dignity of each child made in the image of God. The faith is presented in terms and activities the children can understand. Each lesson includes Bible stories, “Concepts of Faith”, home activities and fun workshops. The student text have tear out sheets with Family notes to bring home each week.

First Grade

The “Who Has God’s Life?” is an introduction of the Trinity with emphasis on the life of Jesus. Children learn about grace and what it is and does for us. They become acquainted with the Apostles and the beginning of the church and their part in the Church. They will learn about angels, sacraments and the basic prayers.

The aim is to expand the child’s understanding and love for Jesus Christ and His Church. Help children understand that Jesus is our Savior, to follow His example and to live with Him someday in heaven.

Second Grade

The “Who Loves Me Always?” program is for children in the second grade who are preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Its emphasis is on two key truths of the faith: sacraments and commandments. The lessons emphasize God’s mercy and love through the story of salvation history and the coming of Jesus our Savior and imitating the various saints’ lives that are studied. There is special focus on the Mass.

The aim is to teach children about the love of God as they prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Third Grade

The “Who is Our Example?” program has its emphasis on a deeper understanding of the nature and persons of God and who we are as images of God. It also talks of the powers that God gives us and how we should use them to imitate the perfect image of God, Jesus.

The aim is to develop a better understanding of the dignity and powers that God has bestowed on each person, and also the forming of a moral conscience, to follow the example of Christ and act as He would act, and to develop a sense of community as a member of God’s family, the Church.

Fourth Grade

The “We Follow Jesus” program has its emphasis on the mystery of the Trinity and the student’s response of Faith. Students learn about the creation of angels, the universe and the people as acts of God’s love. They learn about Jesus and why He came. They also learn about grace and how it helps us to act as images of God by following the Ten Commandments.

The aim is to teach that they are created by God but wounded by sin. That Jesus is the source of grace and that he shares His life with them to enlighten them and strengthen them so that they live as images of God here on earth and someday in heaven.

Fifth Grade

The “Our Mission of Love” program has emphasis on creation of human beings as images of God: mind, will and body. Original sin is discussed in conjunction with Jesus’ mission to redeem us. Through the church Jesus touches us in the sacraments and strengthens us to carry on His mission to love. Death and life after death are covered.

The aim is to have the students be aware of their dignity as persons, both spiritually and physically. To understand why God became man: to redeem us and be our model, and to deepen their understanding of the Church and Mary and to develop their appreciation of the sacraments as personal meetings with Christ.

Sixth Grade

God's Merciful Love is our 6th grade Image of God curriculum. It has a special emphasis on Genesis and the creation of human persons by God in His image. Also, the Old Testament is presented as a history of God's merciful love toward people. God's merciful love draws good out of evil and prepares for the coming of Jesus Christ. The covenant between God and Israel is an expression of God's merciful love.

The aim is to teach that the Old Testament is an expression of God's merciful love and is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. And to help the students appreciate the main characters of the Old Testament and their struggles to do God's will.

Seventh Grade

Our seventh graders will be using a curriculum called "The Teen Timeline" (T3). Based on the popular *Great Adventure Bible Timeline* system created by Jeff Cavins, T3 ensures that your teens' experience anything but ordinary in the Bible. They will begin to wrap their hearts and minds around the Scriptures, laying the foundation for a lifetime of Bible study and devotion. This DVD-series is interesting, educational, and fun.

Eighth Grade

Our eighth graders will be using a curriculum called "**Faith Fusion**" for middle school students. It brings the Catholic faith to life in words and images, and provides a complete overview of the faith built on the framework of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. At the heart of every lesson is a focus on Scripture and Tradition, connected to the students' lives through prayer, reflections, activities, and stories of faith lived in the example of saints and other holy people.

Throughout each lesson, Faith Fusion provides a direct connection between faith and life--between *knowing*, *believing*, and *living*. Faith Fusion provides a complete immersion into the faith by also presenting the Church's social teachings, beliefs and practices, traditional prayers, Church history highlights, and much more. Faith Fusion gives students a lifelong foundation of faith and relationship with Christ.

Ninth & Tenth Grade

"Chosen" is a Confirmation program designed to offer teens a comprehensive journey through their Catholic faith and to show them how the sacraments, prayer, and discipleship are the keys to a happy life. Bringing together twelve of the most talented and inspiring presenters in the Church today, "Chosen" speaks the language of today's youth and is designed to reach through the cultural confusion of relativism and materialism. While many programs do a solid job of presenting facts and material, few can connect with hearts and minds in the way that "Chosen" does, intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually.

To learn more about what your child is learning in Faith Formation, please contact Faith Formation Office at (952) 446-1054 Ext: 25 OR stbonifacefaithformation@gmail.com Parents are more than welcome to review the textbooks and are invited to sit in on their child's Faith Formation class.