

St. Boniface Faith Formation Mission Statement

God, whose love is infinite, created us in His image, to know, love and serve Him in this world and to live forever with Him in heaven. It is the first duty of parents to impart this knowledge to their children. St. Boniface Faith Formation program will then collaborate with parents to continue to teach children the heritage of truth and grace which Christ left us. It is the hope of this parish program to proclaim the teachings of the Catholic Church by which we might all attain our salvation.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Peace be with you and welcome back to another year of Faith Formation at the Church of St. Boniface!

Faith Formation is an on-going life-long process that forms, informs and transforms us to become disciples of Jesus Christ. We invite each of you to become an active participant in this process. May each of us come to know Jesus Christ more intimately and enter into communion with Him.

Our parish's committed volunteers and staff look forward to another year of sharing our Catholic faith with your children. We greatly appreciate your continued cooperation and support, and we ask for your prayers as we begin this school year. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers.

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WELCOME

Faith Formation Classes

Grades K-10

Faith Formation classes are offered on Wednesdays for children in grades K-10.
All classes are held in the school.

Faith Formation Class Times

Grades K-5 ~ Wednesdays from 5:15-6:15pm
Grades 6-10 ~ Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15pm

As of today, this is our **Wednesday** schedule:

*Please watch the bulletin and e-mails for possible Calendar updates and changes throughout the year

August:

20 & 21 – Registration weekend
27 & 28 – Registration weekend

September:

11–Parish Hog Roast
14–CatechistGathering@7pm
18–Faith Formation Kick-Off Sunday
28 – First Wednesday class

October:

5–Class
12–Class (2nd Grade Parent Meeting)
19– NO CLASS (MEA)
26 – Class (Confirmation Meeting)

November:

2– Class
5 – Children’s Mass
9– Class
16 - Class
23– NO CLASS (Thanksgiving)
30 – Class

December:

4-6 - Parish Mission
7– Class/Confessions
14 - Class
21– Class
28 – NO CLASS (Christmas Break)

January:

4– Class
7– 1st Reconciliation Gathering
11– Class
18– Class
25–Class

February:

1– Class
8 - Class
11–1st Reconciliation
15–Class
22– Class
25 – 1st Communion Gathering

March:

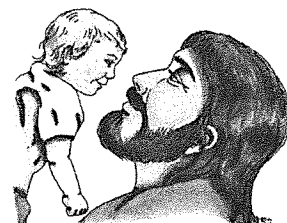
1– Ash Wednesday
8– NO CLASS (Spring Break)
15– Class
17 – Lenten Soup Supper
19 – Bunny Bingo
22 – Class/Confessions
29 – NO CLASS (spring break)

April:

5– Class/Stations of the Cross
12– Class
19– Class/interviews
22 – 1st Communion practice
23- 1st Communion
26 – Class/Confirm. Confessions
30 – Confirmation Send off

May:

6 – Confirmation
7 – May Crowning
10 – Last class
21 – Welcoming and Baccalaureate Mass



Faith Formation Kick- Off!

Sunday morning, September 18th

10:30 am Mass

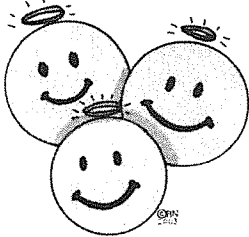
Students and parents meet
their Catechists and assistants following mass.
Lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall

Attendance at our Faith Formation Kick-Off is mandatory for
every family participating in our Faith Formation Program.

At least one parent from each family must attend. If you have conflicts or concerns, please
contact Mary at 446-1054 at ext. 25 or stbonifaithformation@gmail.com.

Children's

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Liturgy

Children's Liturgy of the Word is an opportunity for young children to attend Mass with their parents while still receiving education that is age-appropriate. During the "Liturgy of the Word" (readings, homily, creed, and intercessions) young children will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a lesson. Prior to the First Reading, Father Joseph will invite these children to join their catechist in the Fellowship Hall. They will return to their parents during the offertory.

- This program at St. Boniface is available to children ages 3 and up who have not yet received First Communion. Children in grades K–2 may attend Children's Liturgy of the Word *in addition* to their Wednesday Faith Formation classes.
- There is no fee for Children's Liturgy of the Word and registration is not required.
- **Please watch the bulletin as to when Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin.**

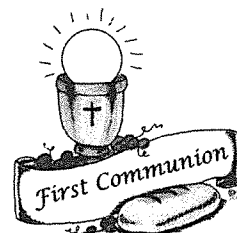
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Sacrament Preparation



First Reconciliation & First Communion

The second grade curriculum focuses on preparing students for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.



A parent meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12th at 5:15 pm in the school gym to discuss preparations for both sacraments.

First Reconciliation

Our **Parent/Child Gathering** is on Saturday, January 7th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
The **Celebration of First Reconciliation** is on Saturday, February 11th at 10:00 am in the Church.

First Communion

Our **Parent/Child Gathering** is on Saturday, February 25th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
Our **Parent/Child First Communion Practice** is on Saturday, April 22nd at 10:00 am
The **Celebration of First Communion** is on Sunday, April 23rd at 10:30 am Mass.

CONFIRMATION Preparation Program

The St. Boniface Confirmation Preparation Program is designed as a two year program, completed during the 9th & 10th grades. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:15. Each year includes class sessions and service projects. Students are expected to attend all classroom sessions, service projects and fulfill their Sunday (or Saturday night) and Holy Day obligations.

Parent/student meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 pm in the School. All parents are encouraged to come, but at least 1 parent is required.

The parish **“Send off Mass”** will be held for the *students and their sponsors* on Sunday, April 30, 10:30 mass.

The celebration of **Confirmation** will take place on Saturday, May 6 at 10:00 am at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis.

The parish **“Welcoming and Baccalaureate Mass”** for our confirmands and graduates Sunday, May 21, 10:30 Mass

General Information

Tuition:

In order to provide text books and other materials for our Faith Formation program, we charge a fee per student. Parishioners of St. Boniface pay \$80.00 per student with a cap per family; non-parishioners pay \$160.00 per student.

Severe Weather:

If the local school districts have early dismissal or are closed due to the weather, St. Boniface Faith Formation classes will also be canceled. If schools are not closed but there are severe weather changes during the day, we will make every attempt to contact schools to make an announcement of our class cancellation. If it is too late to make that announcement, an attempt will be made to contact each home with the information via e-mail. If you question whether or not class will be held, please call the parish office at 446-1054, ext. 25. If we do not cancel, please use your own judgment.

Attendance:

Continuing Christian development requires students to attend classes regularly at all grade levels. If your child will be absent, you **must** inform the Faith Formation office (446-1054 ext.25) prior to class. Attendance will be taken each class and parents will be notified when a child is unexcused. Students will not be permitted to leave class early without permission from their parents or guardians.

Communication:

Please watch the Sunday bulletin and/or the parish website for Faith Formation updates! Flyers and letters will be e-mailed/sent home with your student as needed. www.stboniface-stmary.org

Criminal History Background Checks:

Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us. All employees as well as all school volunteers who have regular or unsupervised contact with minors are subject to criminal background checks and must attend a VIRTUS Training Session and sign the volunteer Code of Conduct.

Student Participation:

The study of the Catholic faith is about building a relationship, coming to know and love the Person of Jesus Christ. Like any relationship, effort must be put forth by both people. The following qualities will help our students grow in this relationship with Christ and will help our catechists maintain a positive learning environment for all of our students:

- A **willingness** to learn, participate, grow in their faith, and to attend Mass regularly
- A **great respect** for the rights of others and their property, with a particular respect for their catechists
- An **attentive responsibility** for one's work and actions
 - ⇒ Food and drink are not allowed on a regular basis. Students should ask their catechist's permission to bring food and drink into the classroom.
 - ⇒ Toys, games, electronic devices, ipods, cell phones, and the like are NOT allowed in the classroom.
 - ⇒ No dark color sole shoes/boots in gymnasium (they leave marks on the floor).
 - ⇒ Students should thoroughly complete any homework assignments given by their catechists.
 - ⇒ No visitors without prior approval from Faith Formation Coordinator due to liability.

Dress Code Policy:

All students/catechist are expected to dress in fashion that represents modesty and good taste, respecting others and our Lord. Clothing must cover all undergarments and midriffs. Clothing that displays profane or offensive messages or images are not allowed. Violators will be asked to change at the discretion of catechist or St. Boniface Staff. Parents will also be notified and reminded of proper dress code.

Discipline Policy:

If a student fails to follow the rules outlined above, or other rules implemented by his/her catechist, he/she will be asked to leave the classroom. This discipline violation will be discussed by the student, catechists, and Coordinator. Upon a second violation, both the student's parents and Fr. Joseph will be notified. Upon a third violation, there will be a meeting with Father, the student and his/her parents to draw up a probation contract.

GENERAL INFORMATION