

Religious Education and Lifelong Formation

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Service Opportunities For Adult Formation

- **Library Volunteer:** Sort and maintain books, perform annual inventory, serve as librarian when open. **Contact:** Rosemary Smith, 267-4344.
- **Scripture/Bible Sharing:** Discuss how scripture impacts their lives. Currently meets monthly. **Contact the parish office at 502-245-9733 for more information.**
- **Scripture/Bible Study:** Study scripture using various resources. Studies include books of the bible and topics such as Women of the Old Testament, Names of Jesus, etc. **Contact the parish office at 502-245-9733 for more information.**
- **Wednesdays for Women:** Bi-monthly discussion of topics determined at semester's beginning. **Contact the parish office at 502-245-9733 for more information.**

?RCIA Ministries (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The actual *?formation team?* for the RCIA process is the parish community, and there are numerous ways in which parishioners can be involved. [[Click here](#)] for more information about the RCIA.

- **Facilitators:** Person present at weekly sessions to assist in facilitating the breaking open of the word and faith sharing, as well as introducing presenters who may be scheduled for that evening.
- **Dismissal Rite Facilitators:** One who leads the discussion of the Sunday readings with the catechumen when they are commissioned by the presider to leave the assembly after the homily. The facilitator is able to reflect prayerfully on the readings and to invite reflection and sharing from others.
- **Spiritual Companions:** Fully-initiated, active Catholics who serve as a *?link,?* and *?avenue?* by which those seeking to become Catholic, begin to enter the life of the parish. Commitment is to meet with your assigned inquirer during the pre-catechumenate period for at least 4 consecutive Wednesday evenings, invite them to accompany you at Mass, and at parish activities.
- **Sponsors:** Fully-initiated, active Catholics who accompany the catechumen to the weekly sessions to pray and share faith, and to all liturgical rituals. Sponsors introduce the catechumen to others in the community.
- **Hospitality:** Parishioners can volunteer to bring snacks for a weekly meeting. Help is also

needed for the ?Welcoming Breakfast? Easter morning for the newly initiated and their families.

Parish Family Formation

Parish Family Formation is a program involving all age levels. The belief is that religious education is a life-long, on-going process. We witness to God in such a way that children as well as adults can grasp the central place of faith in their lives.

Family Formation programs teach that this faith expresses itself in worship, in loving and in living Gospel values in individual families as well as the larger parish family.

Safe Environment Workshop. Adults who will be working with children (under 18) on a regular basis (more than once), need to fill out a Volunteer Criminal Background Check Authorization AND have attended an **Archdiocesan Safe Environment Workshop**. Contact Barb Herzog for details.

- **Click here** to get our **Formation Calendar** and to find printable **registration forms** for children's programs.
 - **Click here** to see our **online Calendar** for Children's Formation events. (updated regularly)
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Participation Opportunities

- **Children's Formation Catechist.** Adults needed in grades listed: Preschool [children ages 3 & 4], Kindergarten thru 6th grade. Note: Grade two is sacramental prep for Reconciliation & 1st Communion. Adults 18 years and older need background checks and attendance at the **Archdiocesan Safe Environment Workshop**.
- **Children's Formation Plan/Work/Help:** Support formation events, meetings, retreats, community welcome. Tasks: Food set up, serve, and clean up; help with crafts or games; program promotional assistance by artists. Calligraphers needed for certificates, special events.
- **Classroom Aide:** youth or adults help with crafts, activities. special needs children. Adults 18 years and older need background checks and attendance at the **Archdiocesan Safe Environment Workshop**
- **Gather the Children Catechist:** Teams of adults present the Liturgy of the Word to children during 9:00 Mass most Sundays of the year. Training and materials provided. Adults 18 years and older need background checks and attendance at the **Archdiocesan Safe Environment Workshop**.
- **Nursery Co-op:** Parents of children (walking thru age 4) take turns during 9:00 Mass on rotational basis provide childcare. Co-ops at other Masses if sufficient numbers of families participate. Adults 18 years and older need background checks and attendance at the **Archdiocesan Safe Environment Workshop**.
- **RCIA Children Team Member:** Catechists and support throughout the RCIA process for children. Adults 18 years and older need background checks and attendance at the **Archdiocesan Safe Environment Workshop**.

Events ? The following are Epiphany events that occur at specific times throughout the year. If interested in these events, please watch for specific information in the bulletin, online and on the website. Each will be advertised when it is time to prepare for the event.

- *Bibletimes Marketplace* - **Register for Bibletimes 2017.**
 - *Children's Christmas Eve Mass*
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