FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR 2024-2025

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Please remember that this office, in fact the whole program, exists to assist you in your role as the primary religious educators of your children. Do not hesitate to call or email if we can help you in any way. The office is generally open Mon-Thur.10:00 AM- 5:00 PM and during scheduled class time.

REGULAR MASS ATTENDANCE is part of the Faith Formation of all children. It is assumed that every child in the program attends Mass each Sunday and Holy Day. To send one's child/children to Faith Formation and not attend Mass is a contradiction of what our faith is about and causes confusion for a child.

<u>ATTENDANCE</u> is vital at all scheduled classes. Children should make up any work missed due to illness. Teachers will send home the lessons missed after the child returns to class. Parents should go over the lesson with the child, and return it to the teacher.

Please call if your child will be absent. Class time is limited, so please make every effort to see that your child arrives on time. Please pick up your child promptly at dismissal. If your child has to be dismissed before the end of class please come into the building and sign your child out at the attendance desk; children will not be allowed to wait outside while classes are in session.

Only a few parent meetings are scheduled each year. Please consider these meetings an integral part of your child's Faith Formation and make every effort to attend.

> Ms. Shanna Kelly Director of Faith Formation

Fr. John Kelleher Pastor St. Pius X Parish Fr. James Mattaliano, S.J. Parochial Vicar

IMPORTANT DATES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

All classes (Grades K - 8) will be held weekly <u>unless</u> noted here.

Please note that all dates/times are subject to change, we will notify families via Blackboard.

SEPTEMBER 22 - Grades K-5 9:00 AM- First Class

23- Classes begin for grades 6-8 6:00-7:30 PM

29 -Confirmation Mass/Class 5:00-7:30PM

OCTOBER 6- Confirmation Mass/Class 5:00-7:30PM

13/14 No classes grades K-8 (Columbus Day)

<u>16- Grade 1 Parent meeting – 6:00-7:00PM</u>

20- Grade 1 Parent Meeting (Alternate) 9:15 AM

20- Confirmation Mass/Class 5:00-7:30PM

23- Grade 2 Parent Meeting- 6:00-7:00PM

27- Grade 2 Parent Meeting (Alternate) 9:15 AM

31-Trunk or Treat – 5:30-7:00PM

NOVEMBER 3- Confirmation Mass/Class 5:00-7:30PM

10-11 No Class Veteran's Day

16- Grade 2 Reconciliation Retreat 9:00- 11:30AM

17- Grade 1 – Enrollment Mass 10:30AM

24 –Confirmation Mass/Class 5:00 – 7:30 PM

25- No Classes Grades 6-8 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 1- No Classes grades K-5 Thanksgiving

14- Grade 2 First Reconciliation 11:00 AM

15- Confirmation Mass/Class 5:00-7:30PM

22-1/1 No classes (Christmas Vacation)

JANUARY 5/6- Grades K-8 Resume regular class schedule

12- Confirmation Mass/Class 5:00-7:30 PM

19/20- No Classes (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

22- Grade 8 Parent and Student Meeting for

Confirmation 2026 – 6:00-7:00PM

26- Confirmation Mass/Class 5:00-7:30 PM

FEBRUARY 2- Confirmation Retreat 2:00-8:00PM

16-23 No Classes (Winter Vacation)

24- Grades 6-8 resume regular class schedule

MARCH 2- Confirmation Mass/Class 5:00-7:30PM

5- Grade 2 Parent Meeting 6:00-7:00PM

9 Grade 2 Parent Meeting (Alternate) 9:15 AM

16- Confirmation Mass/Class 5:00-7:30PM

30- Confirmation Mass/Class 5:00-7:30PM

APRIL 12-Grade 2 Retreat 9:00-11:30 AM

13- Confirmation Mass/Class 5:00-7:30PM 20-Easter Egg Hunt @Parish Life Center (For children ages 3 to 3rd grade) tickets required

20/27- No Classes (Spring Vacation)

28- Grades 6-8 resume regular class schedule

MAY 4- Grades K-5 Last Class

5- Grades 6-8 Last Class

14- First Communion rehearsal 5:30-6:30 PM

17- First Communion rehearsal 9:00-10:30AM

18- First Communion 12:00 Mass

St. Pius X Family Mass/Children's Homily

Mass is a large part of Christian formation. Our teaching is based on the expectation that each child attends Mass and is encouraged in participation and understanding by their family. As the mystery of the Mass unfolds the child's faith formation deepens. The children should be experiencing an ongoing, lifelong conversion, a deepening of faith.

To help foster this there will be no K-5 classes on Family Mass Sunday's. Instead children will be given a lesson to complete at home and families are encouraged to attend these 10:30 am Masses, where the homily will be geared towards the children and they will be invited to come up and sit around the priest. However if this does not work for your family we are still encouraging you to attend another Mass, Saturday 4 PM, Sunday 8 AM, Noon and 5 PM.

Children's Homily Schedule

October 6th February 2nd November 3rd March 2nd April 6th December 1st

January 5th

CANCELLATIONS/ BLACKBOARD CONNECT

When the D/Y school system is closed or dismisses early, Religious Education cancels at the same time. If for any other reason we need to cancel classes we will use the Blackboard Connect phone system which we also use for general informational messages.

The full schedule of classes and events can be found on the St. Pius X website, www.stpiusxsy.com, under the heading "Calendar".