

“Go Make Disciples of All Nations”

Holy Spirit Parish continues the mission of Jesus, whose teaching comes to us from the apostles and their successors. Under the leadership of our Bishop and his priests, the Religious Education Staff of Holy Spirit Parish is committed to providing a program of Religious instruction and encounters with Jesus and His Church to the young people of Holy Spirit Parish that teaches the Catholic Faith based on the words and mission of Jesus Christ, Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, so they become intentional Disciples, living their lives according to God's will for them and participating in their faith. We recognize the responsibility and obligation of our parents as the first and best teachers of their children in our Catholic Faith and we are here to help support their efforts.



Birth to 3 Program

A series of 7 pamphlets: “Parent Letters from your Parish” start arriving right after Baptism and continue through the child's 3rd Birthday. "Letters" provide age-appropriate parenting strategies and advice on how to help children grow in our faith.

Preschool

We offer Preschool classes for our 3, 4, & 5 year olds, not yet in Kindergarten, during the 9:00 and 11:00 am Sunday Masses. Our Program is called “Stories of God's Love”, in which children are invited to explore Bible stories in fun and active ways.

1st through 5th grade

Our time starts with a 15 minute gathering in the Church in which our students receive a “Heads-up on the Sunday Gospel”, special visits from our Priests, and other special visitors as well as celebrate Baptism Birthdays. In our classrooms, our volunteer teachers use the series “Faith First” as the basis for their weekly lesson. Our Priests make visits to our classrooms too.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

This is our home school program for families with children preschool through grade 6, which has been written especially for parents who wish to pass on our Catholic Faith to their children in their homes.

6th through 8th grade

Our time is spent taking an in-depth look at the Sacraments, Life of Jesus, Prayer, Creed, Scripture, and the Moral life. The curricula that we use are a mix from “Encounter”, “Theology of the Body” and “Decision Point”, and other engaging video resources. Once a month we gather for Large group, where we bring in speakers, stewardship and prayer experiences, along with a field trip.

9th and 10th grade

“LIFETEEN” is an engaging large group model where students are able to build community with their peers from the parish. Life teen's goal is to lead teens closer to Christ. We gather with games, snacks, videos. A message is proclaimed. We “break open” the message and work to apply it to the lives of the teens in a small group. Then, youth are sent off with prayer and a challenge for the week. Confirmation prep is intermixed with Life teen, with “Chosen” materials.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all of your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. [Matthew 22:37-40](#)