

# St. Augustine Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation Programs

Because we believe that ongoing faith formation of both adults and children is essential to the future of Catholicism, we offer the following Formational and Sacramental Programs.

## IMPORTANT NOTE:

YOUR FAMILY MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE PARISH BEFORE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER FOR ANY FORMATIONAL OR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM.

(Parish registration occurs the third Sunday of each month following the 9am Mass and Poor Box Breakfast.)

The following information is a brief description of the programs we offer at St. Augustine:

1. **L.I.F.E. (Living In Faith Everyday)**

This faith journey is for all members of our faith community. The sessions are held one Sunday a month immediately following the 9am Mass and last approximately 2 hours. This journey is year 'round. Children and adults (within peer centered groups) learn age appropriate themes that flow out of our Scriptures from the Liturgy and are the basis of our Catholic faith. In addition, all participants will receive information packets for the remaining weeks each month to reflect on and utilize at home, school, work, and in the greater community. Participation in this faith journey is required for one full year prior to beginning preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist or Confirmation.

2. **Baptism for infants and children up to age 7**

This program is to prepare parents for the baptism of their infants and young children. Parents must attend the two class sessions which are scheduled quarterly in the parish in English and monthly in the parish in Spanish. Baptism is celebrated monthly during mass. Call Eileen or Monica in the office to register for the classes in English and Call Fidel in the office to register for the classes in Spanish. (Parish Office: 275-7962)

3. **First Eucharist and Reconciliation Program**

This program usually begins for children entering the second grade IF they have completed one year of L.I.F.E. AND are currently enrolled in L.I.F.E. for faith formation. Often we have older children participate in this program to enable all children the opportunity to have the required faith formation sessions prior to beginning this program. Reconciliation and Eucharist class sessions are held at various times throughout the Fall and Winter months (usually Sunday evenings) and include mandatory parent participation. Various dates and times are available to choose from for the actual Sacrament of Penance and the Sacrament of Eucharist.

4. **Confirmation Year 2 (Youth)**  
This program is for all eleventh grade students who have completed at least one full year of L.I.F.E. immediately prior to this program. Confirmation classes are held on the third Sunday monthly from 4 to 6pm. Service projects are a major part of the preparation process. Additionally, Confirmation involves Parent/Teen/Sponsor sessions throughout the year.
5. **Confirmation (Adult)**  
This program is for Catholic adults who have been baptized and received their First Communion, but did not receive the sacrament of Confirmation. For more information call Eileen at 275-7962 for the program in English or call Fidel at 275-7962 for the program in Spanish.
6. **RCIA and CICCA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children)**  
This process is for anyone who would like to be baptized and initiated into the Catholic Church. Children age 7 and older enter a two-year process, which begins with enrollment into our L.I.F.E. formation journey.  
Adults who are not baptized or baptized Catholic and wish to complete preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist or adults baptized into another Christian tradition begin this process in late August. Meetings are Thursdays from 7-9pm with additional sessions as scheduled. Call Eileen for more information at 275-7962.
7. **VBS – Vacation Bible School**  
This program is open to all children of the parish grades K-6. Sessions are held for one week in late June from 9am-12noon. All teens and adults are invited to help with this fun filled week of bible stories, games and activities. Call the office for more information.
8. **Reconciliation**  
This sacrament is celebrated individually each Saturday at 4:30pm in the Chapel. Additional opportunities are available by contacting a priest and scheduling a private appointment. Parish communal reconciliation with opportunity for individual confession is scheduled once in Advent and once in Lent. Watch our bulletin for service dates and times.
9. **Matrimony**  
A lead-time of at least **six months** is required in order that a proper preparation may be made for the celebration of the Sacrament. Please call the Parish Office at 275-7962 for arrangements.
10. **Adult Faith Formation**  
Our L.I.F.E. journey includes all members of our community – especially adults! Please register and join us as we gather together one Sunday each month following the 9am Mass. In addition, the parish bulletin publishes registration information for small scripture study groups and other formational opportunities within our parish and the greater community.