

# St. Augustine Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation Programs



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

## **Elementary L.I.F.E. (Living In Faith Everyday) Religious Education Program for K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders**



Children who participate in the religious education program learn about the Sacraments, the Liturgy, the Liturgical Year and the Tradition of the Church. They attend sessions on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 9:40-11:10am and 2:30-4:00pm (September-May) and three **FAMILY NIGHTS** (parents must attend family nights with their children). Students preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation must be **CONCURRENTLY** enrolled in LIFE and Sacramental Preparation Sessions.



## **(Middle School Religious Education Program for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

Our goal is to give our youth the edge, the Catholic edge, the Jesus edge, as they go through this time of remarkable change in their lives! Edge nights are typically held on the first and fourth Mondays of the month from 6:30-8:00pm beginning September and running through May.



## **(High School Religious Education Program for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

LIFE TEEN is a program that blends both evangelization and catechesis. Through themed curriculum of Life Nights we are able to teach the faith to young people in dynamic and engaging ways. LIFE TEEN nights are typically held on the first and fourth Mondays of the month from 6:30-8:00pm beginning September and running through May. Confirmation students must participate in both Confirmation Preparation and LIFE TEEN!



## **Baptism for infants and children up to age 7**

This program prepares parents for the Baptism of their infants and young children. Parents must attend two preparation sessions prior to the celebration of the Sacrament. Baptism is celebrated monthly. Contact the office to register for classes.

## **First Holy Communion and Reconciliation Preparation**



Preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation is available to children who were Baptized Catholic and are entering the second grade or older **AND** who are currently enrolled in LIFE religious education classes. Sessions for children will be held the first Sunday of the month from 9:40-11:10am and 2:30-4:00pm. Parents must attend the parent sessions in October and February.



### **Youth Confirmation (High School Youth in 10th Grade)**

The Diocese of Richmond has established the following normative policies regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation for adolescents who have received the **Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist**. In order for an adolescent to begin preparing for Confirmation, he or she must be currently enrolled in the 10th grade and at least 15 years of age. **All**

**Candidates seeking Confirmation must be concurrently enrolled in LIFE TEEN** (St. Augustine's Religious Education Program) during the year in which they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation preparation sessions will include large group presentations and small discussion groups and will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month from 4:00-6:00pm, October-May.

### **Adult Confirmation**

This program is for Catholic adults who have been baptized and received their first Holy Communion but did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. For more information call the Parish Office.

### **RCIA**

#### **(The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults...and Children of Catechetical Age)**



This adult formation and discernment process is for an unbaptized person and the person baptized in another Christian Tradition who wishes to inquire and seek full initiation into the Catholic faith. The process is also offered to the baptized Catholic who has not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation and

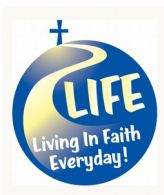
Holy Communion. Unbaptized adults and children (ages 7 and older) enter a two-year process which includes attendance in liturgy, regularly scheduled Catechetical/Formation sessions, and, for the adults, additional adult L.I.F.E. events. Please contact the Parish Office for additional details.

### **VBS – Vacation Bible School**

This program is open to all children of the parish grades K-5. VBS is held for one week in the Summer. All teens and adults are invited to help with this fun filled week of bible stories, games and activities.

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

(ADULT Faith Formation Program)



These sessions are generally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month from 9:40am-11:10am in English or 2:30-4:00pm in Spanish (September through May). Adults learn about the Sacraments, Scriptures, the Liturgy, the Liturgical Year and the Traditions of the Church.

### **Additional Adult Faith Formation**

Please check the parish bulletin or contact the parish office for information on other adult formation opportunities such as Bible study groups.