

ONE Catholic

Holy Family, Holy Trinity, Our Lady of the Lake, St. Mark & St. Mary

Dear Families,

I hope that your summer is off to a wonderful start.

Our 2023-2024 School Year was a bridge year for us here in ONE Catholic and the entire Diocese of Buffalo. It was a year of great growth, learning, and developing our faith formation programs. We hope that over the course of this coming year and the years to come, that our Faith Formation program for our youngest parishioners will continue to grow and develop into a really beautiful opportunity for our children and families to grow in faith together and with our entire ONE Catholic Community.

While we are mindful of the proposed transitions amongst our Family of Parishes, it is our intention that Faith Formation will remain as scheduled for the whole year. We do not anticipate having to change our plan for the year, but in the event that we do, we will be sure to provide as much notice as possible. With that said, we will once again be offering faith formation program options for our children in Grades K-10 at Holy Family; Holy Trinity, Medina; Our Lady of the Lake; and St. Mary's, Holley. You will continue to have the option of registering for whatever time frame(s) works best for your family, regardless of which parish within ONE Catholic you are registered at.

This year, we will be meeting three times per month. Twice a month our children will meet in their classrooms in the usual way, and one time per month we will have an extended session in each location that includes a family component. This new format is one that we have been asked to move towards by the Diocese, and one that we are very excited about. We hope it will be a wonderful way for the entire family to grow in Faith together and to provide resources for your use at home with your children.

Our Faith Formation schedule for this year for Grades K-10 will be:

Holy Family, Albion:

Classroom: Sundays, 9:15 – 10:15 AM
Family Sessions: Sunday, 9:15 AM – 12:00 PM

Holy Trinity, Medina:

Classrooms: Sundays, 9:45 – 10:45 AM
Family Sessions: Sunday, 9:45 AM – 12:30 PM

Our Lady of the Lake, Barker:

Classrooms: Sundays, 10:00 – 11:15 AM
Family Sessions: Sunday, 9:00 – 11:30 AM

St. Mary's, Holley

Classrooms, Mondays, 6:00-7:00pm
Family Sessions, Monday, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

We will also be offering Family Events over the course of the year, these events are meant to tie in with the monthly Family Session. These will be open to families across ONE Catholic regardless of the age of the children! More information will be distributed as we get closer to each event, but the full list is attached to the schedule. We encourage you to attend as many of these as a Family as you can.

Sites that have Faith Formation on Sundays, that is, Holy Family, Holy Trinity, and Our Lady of the Lake, account for attending Mass together as a whole group on the day of the Family Sessions. Beginning in October, each month a different class will be invited to participate with reading (if age appropriate), bringing up the gifts (if available), ushering, greeting, etc. A schedule and sign-up will go-out at least two weeks prior to the assigned Mass.

Sacramental Prep for First Reconciliation and First Communion (traditionally 2nd grade and 3rd grade, respectively) happens right during our regular class time. The curriculum shifts after the New Year to be able to provide in-class formation.

For our young people preparing to receive these Sacraments, it is expected that they will have completed at least one full year of Faith Formation immediately prior to the year of enrolling in Sacramental Prep. For example, children desiring to receive their First Reconciliation in 2nd grade must be enrolled in Faith Formation during 1st grade.

Confirmation Prep, has been switched to 10th Grade across the Diocese of Buffalo, and will be a series of separate classes held once a month beginning in October. Confirmation classes will be held Family-wide over the course of six (6) sessions. Students preparing for Confirmation are expected to attend Faith Formation classes, the six sessions of

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proximate preparation and one retreat, which will be held in the Spring at a time still to be determined. Students should be enrolled in Faith Formation classes for two years before beginning their final year of prep, (typically 8th, 9th, and 10th grade, with Confirmation in the spring of 10th grade.) The students weekly in class curriculum will focus on Confirmation Preparation in 9th and 10th grade, with the six ONE Catholic-wide sessions being their proximate prep for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Finally, we will be offering High School youth ministry opportunities throughout the year. This is a chance for our high schoolers to come together from across ONE Catholic for social, community and spiritual opportunities. The complete listing of events may be found on the attached schedule.

It is our desire to communicate more frequently and fully with families. Our catechists and I will be sending home emails with updates about what they covered in class that week, any info to keep in mind, etc. Each student will have a "Take-Home Folder" that will contain info about upcoming opportunities, worksheets to complete as a family, etc.

Additionally, we now have Faith Formation Reminds set-up for our parents. If you would like to receive text messages with class and family session reminders, news about upcoming events or service opportunities or when we may have to cancel class due to inclement weather, etc., please send a text to **81010** with the message:

@hfbion – for Holy Family

@htfaith – Holy Trinity

@olofaith – Our Lady of the Lake

@smsmkfaith – St. Mary and St. Mark

We will also continue to send out emails with the same information.

Included with this letter (or as an attachment) you will find complete schedules for each of our Faith Formation locations, First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation dates and info, and a registration form.

Completed registration forms may be dropped off at any of the Parish Offices, emailed to ekwiatkowski@onecatholic.org or mailed to:

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Attn: Emily Kwiatkowski

106 South Main Street

Albion, NY 14411

Completed registration forms are due by August 15th.

We are also in need of additional catechists, assistants, and office helpers during Faith Formation classes. If you may be interested, please let me know and we can set-up a time to chat about options and see if one of our programs might be a good fit for you!

I am looking forward to continuing to journey with you and your families and meeting more of you this year. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there is ever anything you need, if you have any questions, concerns or ideas!

Peace and all good,

Emily Kwiatkowski

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2024 – 2025 Faith Formation Schedules

Faith Formation Grades K-10

Holy Family, Albion K-10 th Grade	Holy Trinity, Medina K-10 th Grade	LOL, Barker K-10 th Grade	St. Mary's, Holley K-10 th Grade
<u>Classroom Sessions</u> Sundays 9:15 – 10:15 AM September: 22, 29 October 6, 27 November: 17, 24 December: 1, 15 January: 5, 26 February: 2, 23 March: 9, 16, 30 April 6 PLUS	<u>Classroom Sessions</u> Sundays 9:45 – 10:45 AM September: 15, 29 October 20, 27 November: 3, 24 December: 8, 15 January: 12, 26 February: 9, 23 March: 2, 16, 23 April 6 PLUS	<u>Classroom Sessions</u> Sundays 10:15 – 11:15 AM September: 15, 22 October 6, 20 November: 3, 17 December: 1, 8 January: 5, 12 February: 2, 9 March: 2, 9, 23, 30 PLUS	<u>Classroom Sessions</u> Mondays 6:00 – 7:00 PM September: 23, 30 October 21, 28 November: 18, 25 December: 9, 16 January: 13, 27 February: 10, 24 March: 10, 17, 31 April 7 PLUS
<u>Family Sessions</u> Sundays 9:15 AM – 12:00 PM September 15 October 6 November 3 December 1 January 5 February 2 March 2 March 23	<u>Family Sessions</u> Sundays 9:45 AM – 12:30 PM September 22 October 20 November 17 December 8 January 12 February 9 March 9 March 30	<u>Family Sessions</u> Sundays 9:00 – 11:45 AM September 29 October 27 November 24 December 15 January 26 February 23 March 16 April 6	<u>Family Sessions</u> Mondays 6:00 – 7:30 PM September 16 October 7 November 4 December 2 January 6 February 3 March 3 March 24

Family Opportunities

<p><u>Sunday, September 8th, 12:00 PM,</u> Cookout, St. Mary's, Medina</p> <p><u>Sunday, October 13th, 1:00 PM,</u> Rosary Making and Rosary Walk, St. Mary's, Holley</p> <p><u>Sunday, November 10th, 1:30 PM,</u> Advent Prep, Holy Family</p> <p><u>Sunday, December 15th, Time TBD,</u> Trip to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine Festival of Lights</p> <p><u>Sunday, January 19th, 1:30 PM,</u> Way, Truth, Life, St. Mary's, Holley</p> <p><u>February – Your Choice of Service Project completed as a family</u></p> <p><u>Sunday, March 16th, 12:15 PM,</u> Stations of the Cross, Holy Trinity, Medina</p>

Nativity Play

<p><u>Grades 1-5: Sunday, December 22nd, 11:30 AM, Holy Family, Albion</u></p> <p>Practices will be Mondays from 4:45 – 5:45 PM ay Holy Family: November 4 ~ November 18 ~ December 2 ~ December 16</p>
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May Crowning

<p>Sunday, May 4, 9:00 AM, Our Lady of the Lake ~ Sunday, May 4, 11:00 AM, Holy Trinity, Medina</p> <p>Sunday, May 11, 10:00 AM, St. Mary's, Holley ~ Sunday, May 11, 10:30 AM, Holy Family, Albion</p>

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for our teens in 10th Grade, who were enrolled in Faith Formation in 2023-2024, are *in addition* to regular weekly Faith Formation classes.

Sundays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Holy Family, Albion

October 6 – With Parent Meeting from 1:00 – 1:30 PM

November 3 ~ December 1 ~ January 5 ~ February 2 ~ March 2 ~ April 6

Confirmation Retreat

TBD, Spring

Confirmation

Date TBD, Holy Trinity, St. Mary's, Medina

First Reconciliation and First Communion

First Reconciliation and First Communion Parent Meetings

Sunday, September 8th, 10:00 AM, OLOL

Saturday, September 14th, 9:00 AM, Holy Family

Saturday, September 14th, 11:00 AM, Holy Trinity

Monday, September 23rd, 7:30 PM, St. Mary's, Holley

First Reconciliation Retreat Options

Saturday, February 1, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Albion
OR

Saturday, February 8, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Medina

First Reconciliation Options

Saturday, March 8, 9:00 AM, Medina
OR

Saturday, March 15, 1:00 PM, Albion

First Communion Retreat Options

Saturday, March 22, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Medina OR
Saturday, March 29, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Albion

First Communion Rehearsals

Saturday, April 19, 10:15 AM, OLOL
Monday, April 21, 6:00 PM, St. Mary's, Holley
Saturday, April 26, 9:00 AM, Holy Trinity
Saturday, April 26, 11:30 AM, Holy Family

First Communion Options

Sunday, April 27, 9:00 AM, OLOL
Sunday, April 27, 11:00 AM, Holy Trinity
Saturday, May 3, 4:00 PM, St. Mary's, Holley
Sunday, May 4, 10:30 AM, Holy Family

High School Youth Group, Grades 9-12

Sunday, October 6, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Bonfire and S'Mores, St. Mary's, Medina

Sunday, December 15, 4:00 – 9:00 PM, Mass at St. Mary's, Holley, Dinner and Trip to Powers Farm Market in Pittsford for their Living Nativity

Tuesday, December 31st, 8:00 PM – Wednesday, January 1st, 8:00 AM, New Year's Lock-In, Holy Family

Sunday, March 2, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Mardi Gras Party, St. Mary's, Medina

Sunday, May 4, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, TBD, Holy Family

Steubenville Youth Conference - Consumed

Youth currently in grades 8-12 are invited to join us **July 18-20, 2025** as we attend the Steubenville Youth Conference! The weekend is an opportunity for teens from across the country and beyond to come together to encounter the Living God through Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Praise and Worship, dynamic speakers, small groups, and time to socialize.

\$75 non-refundable deposits are due December 1st. We will be doing fundraising to help offset the total cost. Please contact Emily to register or with questions!

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2024-2025 Faith Formation Registration

Youth are welcome to enroll in any of our Faith Formation programs regardless of which Parish in ONE Catholic your family is registered at.

If your child received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, or First Eucharist at a church other than one of the worship sites in ONE Catholic, please provide a copy of their certificates for each sacrament by the first day of class.

Child's Full Name, including middle _____ Grade as of 09/2024 _____

DOB _____ Location registering for: _____

Sacraments received: Baptism, Where: _____ Eucharist, Where: _____

Reconciliation, Where: _____ Confirmation, Where: _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Things of Note: _____

Please share a little about your child with us, hobbies, characteristics, etc? _____

Child's Full Name, including middle _____ Grade as of 09/2024 _____

DOB _____ Location registering for: _____

Sacraments received: Baptism, Where: _____ Eucharist, Where: _____

Reconciliation, Where: _____ Confirmation, Where: _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Things of Note: _____

Please share a little about your child with us, hobbies, characteristics, etc? _____

Child's Full Name, including middle _____ Grade as of 09/2024 _____

DOB _____ Location registering for: _____

Sacraments received: Baptism, Where: _____ Eucharist, Where: _____

Reconciliation, Where: _____ Confirmation, Where: _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Things of Note: _____

Please share a little about your child with us, hobbies, characteristics, etc? _____

Child's Full Name, including middle _____ Grade as of 09/2024 _____

DOB _____ Location registering for: _____

Sacraments received: Baptism, Where: _____ Eucharist, Where: _____

Reconciliation, Where: _____ Confirmation, Where: _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Things of Note: _____

Please share a little about your child with us, hobbies, characteristics, etc? _____

Family Address: _____

Father's Full Name, including middle: _____

Mother's Full Name, including middle and maiden: _____

Father's Email: _____ Father's Cell Phone: _____

Mother's Email: _____ Mother's Cell Phone: _____

Who do the children reside with? _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Parish where registered: _____

Emergency contact, other than parent/guardian

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone Number: _____

Is there anyone besides the mother, father, or emergency contact listed above that has the authority to sign your child out and take them home from Faith Formation or Youth Ministry Classes or Events, if so, who? _____

Is there any additional information you feel we need to know about? Is there anyone who is NOT allowed to pick up your child(ren)? _____

Please list your name below if you are interested in the possibility of joining our Faith Formation team and we'll give you a call.

Name: _____

The 2024-2025 Faith Formation Fees are as follows:

- Faith Formation Grades 1-12: \$60 for 1 child, \$40 for each additional child.
- There is also an additional Sacramental Fee for First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation of \$15 per child

Faith Formation Fees cover the cost of books and basic supplies to help us cover a portion of the cost of Faith Formation.

Please contact Emily if you may be in need of financial assistance.

Checks should be made out to the Parish where your child will be attending Faith Formation.

If you have children registering for programs at multiple locations, one check is fine, we will separate it appropriately.

Completed registration forms are due by August 15th.

If your family is experiencing financial hardship, please call our office. We are happy to assist, no child will be refused faith formation due to finances.

Parent/Guardian Authorizations:

_____ I understand that participation in this program will be following age appropriate teachings of the Roman Catholic Church that include topics such as Safe Environment, relationship, the sanctity of life, and morality.

_____ I give permission for ONE Catholic to take and use photos and videos that include my child that were taken at Parish Functions in the bulletin, on the Family Website or Social Media Accounts, or for other ONE Catholic promotional reasons.

Signature: _____ Date: _____