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Choosing Catholic education enriches your child’s spirit, mind and body. Faith formation that is begun in the family is reinforced in an academic and social environment that strives to reflect God’s love for each person. In practice and in learning, St. Patrick School seeks to instill in our families and children their role as Disciples of Christ.

- Weekly Mass, Daily Prayer, Religious Instruction, Christian Service Projects
- Fully Accredited Curriculum for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Experienced, Dedicated Teachers
- Art, Music, Gym, Band, Computers, Spanish, Library, Educational Assemblies, Field Trips
- Special Education Services provided by Lowell Area Schools
- Minutes from Forest Hills, Lowell, Rockford, Greenville and Belding Schools
- Exceptional technology tools: Bea Byrne Media Center, laptops, smartboards
- School Athletic Program for grades 5-8
- Unique Rural Location and a Long Heritage of Catholic Education
- Facilities include Bea Byrne Media Center, Cafeteria, Gym, Large updated playground area

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The athletic program at the elementary school level complements the home, church, and school in the development of the “whole person”. Activities of the program are for the benefit of the children, suited to their age and physical growth.

Saint Patrick School offers 5th through 8th grade sports to parish members. The goals are: 1) To recognize the need of physical fitness in the wholesome growth of the child, and 2) To provide enjoyable recreational activity which develops Christian attitudes of sportsmanship and fair play that can be sustained beyond the elementary level.

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**Sacristans, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are needed for weekday liturgies as well! Please consider offering your time at weekday Masses.**

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### **ALTAR SERVERS**

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- Serve at the altar by assisting the priest in a dignified manner in the spirit of the liturgy.
- Assist at Mass, Stations of the Cross and other liturgies
- Arrange for a substitute when not available.

**Time Commitment:** Serve 1-2 times per month, depending on the number of ministers.

**Training:** Adults and students in grade 4 or higher are invited to this ministry. New Altar Servers receive initial training on their role, the objects used in the celebration of the liturgy, and familiarity with the structure of the Mass. Ongoing formation opportunities are offered.

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### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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- Assist the priest at Mass with distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ.
- May take Holy Communion to the sick, the homebound, hospitals and care facilities.
- Arrange for a substitute when not available.

**Time Commitment:** Serve 1-2 times per month, depending on the number of ministers.

**Training:** This ministry is open to fully initiated parishioners who are at least 16 years of age and who regularly share in the Eucharist. They should embody a mature Christian lifestyle of faith and charity, service and stability, living in a way that reflects love for and desire to serve Christ in others. New extraordinary ministers receive initial training, and ongoing formation is offered.

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### **FINANCE COUNCIL**

Chair: Jeff Agar 874-5062

The Finance Council's role is to advise the Pastor on financial matters and the administration of the parish property, assist in the preparation of the general parish budget, provide the necessary annual reports, review the parish financial, personnel and administrative operations, review the care and maintenance of parish property and buildings, and develop long range planning for operational and capital needs. Finance Council members serve on a long-term basis (may serve consecutive three-year terms) and are appointed by the Pastor.

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### **BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Norm Czurak 691-8878  
 Dan Blundy 897-8812

This committee has the responsibility to oversee and make recommendations regarding the maintenance of all parish grounds and buildings and to relate building and grounds needs to the Finance Council.

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### **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**

Kevin Nugent 430-2132  
 Gary Venturo 540-5425

This committee administers the funds of the St. Patrick Parish Education Endowment Foundation. This foundation provides funds to assist in meeting the operating costs of the parish school and religious education programs. The committee is responsible for reviewing the financial statements of the foundation, accepting and reviewing grant applications, and approving or declining requests for funds. Committee members serve 3 year terms and are appointed by the Pastor.

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### **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Jim Albert 446-3000

The Pastoral Council is a group of parishioners who pray, reflect, and dialogue in order to help the Pastor in his role of governing and leading the parish. The Pastor consults with the Pastoral Council and seeks their advice regarding the spiritual life of the community. Members of the Pastoral Council are appointed by the Pastor, serve for three-year terms, and meet with the Pastor at various times during the year per his request.

**PEACE & JUSTICE  
COMMITTEE**

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The Peace & Justice Committee serves as a vehicle to enhance the parish's desire to be Christ to the world. The committee helps the parish to continue partnerships with social agencies, other faith communities, and the larger civic community as well as reach in to our own parish community by meeting the needs of those among us. Some of our current ongoing projects are listed below. If you would like more information on a project, suggest new ideas for parish outreach, or to participate, please contact the planning committee.

- Helping Hearts, Helping Hands Ministry
  - Linda Parker [lindaparkergr@yahoo.com](mailto:lindaparkergr@yahoo.com)
  - Ed Donahue [ejd5454@gmail.com](mailto:ejd5454@gmail.com)
- Food Collections for area food pantries
  - Cheryl Emmette
- Fair Trade Christmas Sale
  - Ed Donahue [ejd5454@gmail.com](mailto:ejd5454@gmail.com)
- Fair Trade Coffee & Tea Sales
  - Bruce Partridge [bruce.richard.partridge@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.richard.partridge@gmail.com)
- North Kent Connect Support  
Flat River Outreach Ministries Support
  - Cheryl Emmette
- Habitat for Humanity
  - Ed Donahue [ejd5454@gmail.com](mailto:ejd5454@gmail.com)
- Parish Garden
  - Elaine Bates
- Refugee Resettlement
  - Ed Donahue [ejd5454@gmail.com](mailto:ejd5454@gmail.com)
  - Cheryl Emmette
- Migrant Support/Hispanic Ministry
  - Jim Albert [diegoalbert48809@yahoo.com](mailto:diegoalbert48809@yahoo.com)
  - Cheryl Emmette
- Military and Armed Forces Support
  - Mary Mankel 874-6955
- Prison/Jail Ministry
  - Cheryl Emmette
- Respect Life Committee
  - Ed Donahue [ejd5454@gmail.com](mailto:ejd5454@gmail.com)
- Baby Pantry of Lowell Support
  - Cheryl Emmette

**LECTORS**

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- Proclaims the Word of God as a living dialogue that allows the assembly to hear and respond to God present among us at Mass.
- Arrange for a substitute when not available.

**Time Commitment:** Serve 1-2 times per month, depending on the number of ministers.

**Training:** This ministry is open to fully initiated parishioners who are at least 16 years of age. Lectors should have a good familiarity with the sacred nature of the texts proclaimed and be qualified to read aloud in public. They should be able to proclaim the scriptures with conviction, clarity and skill. New lectors receive initial training. Ongoing formation opportunities are offered.

**SACRISTANS**

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- Be at church one half hour before Mass or other liturgy.
- Prepare all vessels and altar linens for Mass or other liturgy.
- Check ministry sign in sheet. Find substitutes if there are absences.
- Arrange for a substitute when not available.

**Time Commitment:** Serve 1-2 times a month, depending on the number of ministers.

**Training:** One on one training with a current sacristan

**USHERS**

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- Exhibit a warm welcome to all.
- Greet, seat & assist the disabled.
- Gather the collection and place in safe as instructed.
- Assist with the Procession of the Gifts, Communion Procession, & distribution of bulletins/other worship aids.
- Straighten pew area following Mass.

**Time Commitment:** Serve 1-2 times per month, depending on the number of ministers. Arrange for a substitute when not available.

**Training:** This ministry is open to parishioners who are at least 16 years of age. New ushers receive initial training.

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**PARISH CHOIR**

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The Parish Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:00 until 8:30 pm. It is open to all youth (High School age) and adults. Rehearsals on Thursdays are in the Shepherd of Armagh room, with a brief rehearsal on Sunday mornings 40 minutes before Mass and occasional additional rehearsals for special programs and Masses. The Parish Choir leads and enhances the 10:30 am Mass most weekends and moves to the other Masses occasionally. The Parish Choir sings a wide variety of choral literature celebrating our great musical heritage as well as the most durable music of our time, with an emphasis on musical excellence and liturgical leadership. A sense of pitch, love of singing and commitment to regular attendance are essential; a music background is not required.

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**CANTORS**

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Cantors lead the assembly in song on Saturday evening and Sunday Masses as well as other liturgies throughout the year. The cantor also is the psalmist, proclaiming the psalm during the Liturgy of the Word. Formation and training is provided. Scheduling rotates and is flexible. Music reading skills, a pleasant voice and love for the Word of God are required.

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**HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE**

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Led by Mike and C.J. Michaud, the High School Ensemble leads music once a month or more at the Saturday 5:00 Mass. Rehearsals are immediately before Mass. Singers and instrumentalists grades 9 through 12 are encouraged to learn more about this group and come to sing and play before the Lord!

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**WELCOME MINISTRY**

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The Welcome Ministry provides a variety of experiences for new members of the Saint Patrick family, offering a warm and loving atmosphere during their first year here in our parish community. If you are looking for a way to meet new people and welcome those joining our parish family, this is a ministry for you!

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**PARISH FESTIVAL**

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Each June we host a parish festival for fun, fellowship and fundraising! Events take place Friday evening through Sunday evening including a 5K race, music, games of chance, auction, activities for children, a Sunday chicken dinner, and a cash raffle. Proceeds help fund the work of the parish. Many people are needed to work as chairs for the various events and all parishioners are asked to participate in some way over the weekend. Planning begins in late February/early March. The parish festival is a wonderful way to get involved in the parish and meet some new people!

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**PARISH HISTORIAN**

Pat Nugent 691-7162

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If you have newspaper clippings, photos, artifacts, etc. pertaining to the history of St. Patrick Church, please contact our parish historian, Pat Nugent. Also, please feel free to contact Pat if you have questions about our history or would like to purchase a church history book.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Todd Gross, Grand Knight  
691-8163

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The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization open to all Catholic men 18 years or age or older. Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Some of the activities sponsored by the Knights include ministering to the needs of the Church by raising funds for various groups through parish breakfasts on the first Sunday of the month (September-June).

**SENIOR LUNCHEONS**

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Monthly senior luncheons are held on the second Thursday of every month, October-May. This lunch continues to be a special event for our seniors. A guest speaker or some form of entertainment is scheduled for each luncheon. Volunteers are needed to help serve the meal. All over 60 are welcome to attend. See the bulletin for updated details.

**STRONG CATHOLIC FAMILIES**

Parish Staff 691-8541

Strong Catholic Families is an initiative that we have embraced here at St. Patrick. This initiative focuses on putting families at the center of our planning. We look at what our families need and desire to help build the domestic church at home and nourish the faith lives of all members of our parish family. If you have any ideas or needs that you would like to see as a focus, please contact any parish staff member or a member of the leadership team.

**GOD'S GARDENERS**

Mary Mankel 874-6955

Do you like to dig in the dirt? If so, we have a ministry for you! *Hands in the dirt, heads in the sun* is a way of offering praise to God and bringing beauty to our parish campus at the same time.

**Time Commitment:** Meets once a month or so for 3-4 hours; May through October. Any level of involvement is encouraged.

**KEEPING THE FEAST**

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A group of volunteers who prepare and/or serve meals or refreshments for small parish functions throughout the year. Volunteer opportunities include setting up or decorating for an event, preparing a meal or casual refreshments (like baking cookies or appetizers), and clean up after functions. The time commitment is a few hours at various events throughout the year. Volunteer for one event or many. Everyone welcome!

**RESURRECTION CHOIR**

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The Resurrection Choir is open to all friends and parishioners. This choir meets 30 minutes before funerals, which are usually held weekday mornings. This special group of singers ministers to those whose loved ones have passed on to eternal life. This choir is for those who have a love of music and a joy in ministering to those in need of comfort, healing and peace.

**YOUTH CHOIR**

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The Parish Youth Choir will meet on a "seasonal" basis again this year. The choir will rehearse on Sundays after Mass the four weeks prior to Christmas and the five weeks prior to Easter. The Children's Choir sings at the 5:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass and the 10:30 AM Easter Sunday Mass. This choir is open to all children and youth through Middle School. A love of singing, a commitment to attendance, and the ability to match pitches are all that is needed.

**HAND CHIMES CHOIR**

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We are looking for more members to fill out the hand chime choir. With additional members we will use our full 3 octave set of chimes. Members need a sense of rhythm and enthusiasm. Music reading skills are not required but are helpful! We rehearse Thursday evenings from 5:45-6:45 in the Shepherd of Armagh Room.

**ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS**

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Ensemble musicians are those who enjoy singing in a smaller group. Depending on the response, we will develop these group(s) and repertoire. Instrumentalists enhance the music of the parish with their skills, whether as a solo instrument, in an ensemble or accompanying the congregation. Scheduling is flexible.



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**GREETERS**

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The role of Greeters before our weekend Masses is to welcome with a handshake and smile all who come to St. Patrick Church, both parishioners and newcomers. Greeters arrive 20 minutes before Mass starts. It is a small time commitment with a big impact. Families are welcome to sign up as well!

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**ENVIRONMENT & ART  
MINISTRY**

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This committee meets to plan and enhance the church's sacred space for the seasons, feasts and celebrations of the liturgical Church year. Members plan, fashion, install and maintain the fabric art, flowers, and other symbols to prepare the sacred space for worship. Planning meetings take place 3 to 4 times a year and enhancing the décor in church takes place prior to the major liturgical seasons, feasts and celebrations.

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**CHURCH CLEANING  
CREW**

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This team meets to deep-clean the church in November (for Advent and Christmas) and again during Lent to prepare for Easter. This crew consists of men and women. Dates for cleaning will be announced. All are welcome when available.

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**WEDDING  
COORDINATORS**

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Wedding Coordinators assist couples in planning the wedding liturgy in accordance with parish guidelines, and facilitate the rehearsal and ceremony. Wedding Coordinators also represent our parish community in welcoming and hosting the couple, their families, and friends during a significant time in their lives. Plan to spend at least an hour at the rehearsal and about two hours at the wedding.

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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY  
TO THE SICK AND  
HOMEBOUND**

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*"For I was ill and you cared for me."* Due to illness or disability, many of our brothers and sisters are unable to be with us as we celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday. Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Homebound take Communion and the Word of God weekly or monthly to those who are unable to attend Mass because they are recovering from illness, are homebound due to disability, or are permanent residents in area assisted living facilities. If you are a positive, prayerful person, we need your help and compassion to serve these members of our parish. Training is provided. Commitment may be for a few weeks or ongoing, as the circumstance and your schedule dictate.

**If you find yourself in need of this ministry, please contact the office. We are not automatically notified if you are in the hospital or care facility due to HIPPA.**

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**FUNERAL LUNCHEON  
COMMITTEE**

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This ministry provides the gift of food and comfort to our parish families grieving the loss of a loved one by arranging for a luncheon for the mourners following funeral liturgies held at St. Patrick. We need volunteers to be team leaders, callers, workers, and many volunteers to prepare a food dish to be served at the luncheon. Please call to be added to our list!

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**GRIEF SUPPORT  
MINISTRY**

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This is a support ministry reaching out to those who have experienced a loss. Volunteers develop a supportive relationship with a fellow parishioner who has experienced recent loss by keeping in contact with cards, phone calls, and visits. Anyone who has a good understanding of the grief process and/or who has experienced losses in their own life and who would be willing to share themselves with others is welcome. Training is provided.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

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This ministry is open to ALL 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students! It is an opportunity to learn about, and live out, your faith with other students your age. Events will include social activities, service, and a summer mission trip. Join us for faith, fellowship, and fun!

**Time Commitment:** Whenever you can attend. Events are held once or twice a month on Sundays.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

[faithformation@stpatrikparnell.org](mailto:faithformation@stpatrikparnell.org)

This ministry is open to ALL 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students! Not only will you learn about your faith, but also put it into action while having fun and enjoying fellowship. Regular meetings are held twice a month on Sunday from 6-8 pm. Additional service and fun events will be held monthly as well as our annual mission trip in the summer.

**Time Commitment:** Whenever you can attend, September through May

## YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

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Youth ministry is about having positive role models in faith. Any high school graduate/adult willing to work with teens as a chaperone, discussion leader, and role model are welcome. Volunteers should have an interest in working with teens and learning alongside them. Volunteers are needed for regular meetings as well as chaperones for service and fun events that occur once a month. You do not have to attend every event in order to assist.

**Time Commitment:** varies based on availability

**Training:** All volunteers over age 18 must attend a *Protecting God's Children* training session (3 hours) and have a background check performed.

## ADULT EDUCATION

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- **Thursday Evening Faith Study** --- 2, 6-8 week sessions per year, usually on Thursday evenings during Oct-Nov and Feb-March, facilitated by Gary Venturo and Kevin Jurek.
- **Exploring the Sunday Readings Group** --- This group meets in the St. Brigid Rm between the Sunday morning Masses for a discussion of the weekly readings using "Exploring the Sunday Readings" and meets Oct- April. All are welcome to join and discuss how we can apply the readings to our daily lives.
- **Men's Spirituality Group** --- currently gathers bi-monthly on Saturday mornings to share and support each other. A book or study series is also used to help guide discussion and grow in faith together. See the bulletin for updates.
- **Men's Retreat** -- half day men's retreat that typically occurs in the winter. See the bulletin for the exact date.
- **Women's Faith Sharing Group** --- gathers for discussions on various topics chosen by the group, to deepen faith and relationship with Christ. They meet on Monday evenings from September to May.
- **Women's Evening of Reflection** --- is held annually during the first week in Advent, this gathering features a guest speaker to assist us in this season of preparation, as well as time for fellowship and refreshments. Volunteers needed to hostess a table, and set-up.
- **Women's Retreat** --- held annually in October and is directed by the Trinitarians of Mary. The retreat encompasses Mass, talks, reflection, confessions, adoration, prayer and fellowship. See the bulletin for the exact date and registration options.
- **Guest Speakers** occur during Advent and Lent to guide us in reflection during that season. See the bulletin for updates.

## PARISH LIBRARY

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The parish maintains an adult faith formation lending library in the Parish Center. Materials on our faith and spiritual tradition are available to the parish to borrow. Volunteers are needed occasionally to maintain materials, as well as to expand the selection of resources we have available. Please use this library to grow in faith at your own pace and individual needs.

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**CHRISTIAN INITIATION  
OF ADULTS**

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Christian Initiation is a process designed for adults who are searching for a deeper understanding of God and the mystery of faith in their lives. It is a spiritual journey open to baptized Christians, the un-baptized, and Catholics seeking to complete their full initiation into the Catholic Church. This journey includes weekly gatherings, prayer, study and building community. The process meets throughout the year. Persons interested in exploring Catholic faith are welcome to join the process at any time. Volunteers are needed to serve as catechists, sponsors, and to help with refreshments.

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**CHILDREN'S  
INITIATION**

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Children's Initiation is a sacramental preparation process designed for families with children over 7 years old who are un-baptized. Children are prepared for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and first Eucharist which are celebrated at the Easter Vigil each year. Classes begin the first week of October and meet weekly until Easter. Individualized options are also available to meet your family's needs. Volunteers are needed to serve as sponsors and catechists.

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**INFANT BAPTISM  
PREPARATION**

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Parents seeking to bring their child into the family of the Catholic Church through the sacrament of baptism are encouraged to participate in a two session enrichment meeting. These sessions meet on the third Wednesday evening of the month throughout the year from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the school library or at lead family's home. Parents need to register for a session by calling the parish office. Volunteer couples are needed to facilitate infant baptism preparation classes.

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**CHILDREN'S FAITH  
FORMATION**

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Children's Formation is available for all children K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our formation program meets on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., OR Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. from October through the end of April. Volunteers are needed to serve as catechists and catechetical aides in the classrooms. Please consider joining this wonderful ministry and opportunity to grow in your own faith.

Requirement: All volunteers over age 18 must attend a Protecting God's Children training session (3 hours) and have a background check performed.

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**VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL**

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VBS is an exciting, fun-filled week of faith formation activities for children ages 4 through 12 years of age. It takes place for one week during the summer months, typically in July. Registration is done online and details for registration are given in the bulletin and on the parish website.

Volunteers are needed for the following: small group leaders, musicians, arts and crafts activity workers, snacks and refreshment volunteers, and creative workers of all ages to help plan, decorate and build our props for the week.

**Time Commitment:** Volunteer for a day or a week, we would love to have you as part of our VBS team.

**Training:** All volunteers over age 18 must attend a *Protecting God's Children* training session (3 hours) and have a background check performed.