

Ave Maria Faith Formation 2023-2024

(avemariaparish.org)

Registration August 6th-September 30th

(Session start dates vary see below)

Registration for the 2023-2024 Ave Maria Faith Formation programs is now open!

You may register for all programs

at the below locations:

- Follow QR Code (Ave Maria Faith Formation Registration forms)
- Ave Maria Parish Office (5078 Pope John Paul II Blvd. Ste #107)
- Ave Maria Church vestibule
- REGISTRATION FORMS (avemariaparish.org)



Ave Maria Faith Formation Programs

\$70.00 per child/Family max \$160.00

- **Children's Eucharistic Adoration**-Jean Prather of *CatholicKids101.com*, leads children of all ages in reflection, stories, prayers, and the rosary. **Everyone is welcome!** (No registration needed)
Adoration sessions start Monday, August 28, 2023, from 6:30-7:30 pm in the church.
- **St. Margaret Castello Ministry**-Faith Formation for persons with disabilities and their families. Sacramental preparation included as needed.
Starting Friday, September 15, 2023, from 3:45-4:45 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** (CGS)-Kindergarten/First Grade (1st year First Communion Preparation): A reflective-based program of religious formation that is rooted in Scripture and the Liturgy.
Starting Sunday, September 10, 2023, from 11:15 am -12:15 pm in the CGS Atrium located on the 3rd floor of the First Foundation Bank building:
- **2nd year First Communion Preparation**: The core of this communion preparation program is the *Catholic Children's Bible*. The students will explore the sacraments through the biblical lens of Jesus' life and works and learn more about their faith in language they can understand.
Starting Sunday, September 10, 2023, from 11:15 am -12:15 pm in Donahue Academy.
- **Bridges to Faith/RCIC**-Sacramental preparation for 3rd-5th grades: the essentials of the Catholic Faith for ages 8 to 11 are centered on the four pillars of the Catechism-the Creed, the Sacraments, the Moral Life, and Prayer along with *the Catholic Children's Bible*. These resources fill in faith formation gaps for students preparing to receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil.
Starting Sunday, September 10, 2023, from 11:15 am -12:15 pm in Donahue Academy.
- **Called to Be Catholic/RCIC**-Sacramental preparation for 6th-8th graders: A highly flexible resource that provides young people with a comprehensive introduction to the essentials and key teachings of the four pillars of the Catholic faith. Along with *the Break Through Bible for Young Catholics*, these resources fill in faith formation gaps for young people ages 12 to 15 preparing to receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil.
Starting Sunday, September 10, 2023, from 11:15 am -12:15 pm at Donahue Academy.
- **Word of Life** (Augustine Institute): Continuing catechesis for 3rd-8th graders who have received their first sacraments. Word of Life brings together faith and reason and demonstrates how the truths of the

faith speak to the human heart. This catechesis centers on an initial proclamation of the kerygma.
Starting Sunday, September 10, 2023, from 11:15am-12:15pm at Donahue Academy.

- **Confirmation Preparation:** Confirmation is a two-year preparation process (9th/10th grades). In year one, most of the preparation is participating in Youth Ministry on Sunday evening (see below). In year two, continued participation in Youth Ministry along with formal preparation classes during the week.
Starting Wednesday, October 18th, 2023, from 6:30-8:00 pm at Donahue Academy.
- **Youth Ministry DTS (Dead Theologians Society):** The Dead Theologians Society is a Catholic apostolate for junior high and high school age teens. Through the saints of yesterday, the Dead Theologians Society inspires the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow. DTS is also an integral part of the two-year Confirmation program.
Starting Sunday, September 10, 2023, from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
- **RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** Adults receiving or completing their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) to be received at Easter Vigil in the spring.
Starting Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Donahue Academy Library.
- **Adult Confirmation:** Adults that have received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.
Starting Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Donahue Academy Library.
- **Adult Formation:** This fall the Ave Maria Adult Formation will explore the lives of six saints who spearheaded the Church's rebirth from the ashes of Renaissance decadence and the turbulence and confusion caused by the Protestant Revolution. You will discover how powerful-and beautiful-is the human heart's free response to God's generous Grace.
Starting Friday, September 8, 2023, from 10:00-11:30 am in the Parish Hall
- **Totus Tuus Summer Program:** A summer program for 1st-12th graders dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. **June 17-21, 2024**

***“Christ has no body but yours, no hands but yours, no feet on earth but
YOURS...”***

-St. Teresa of Avila