

Ave Maria Faith Formation 2026-2027
Registration through September 30th (start dates vary)

Registration for the 2026-2027 Ave Maria Faith Formation programs:

***Online (with payment)-follow the QR Code-preferred method of registration**

***Faith Formation Display-Church Narthex**

***Ave Maria Parish Office (M-F, 9-5)**

***Avemariaparish.org (Registration Forms)**



Ave Maria Faith Formation Programs

\$70.00 per child

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)***
Monday, September 14, 2026, from 6:30-7:30pm in the church

NEW START TIMES FOR SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

First Communion Preparation-1st year (Baptized/1st grade [6-7yrs] registration needed for ALL 1st/2nd year First Communion students):

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd-CGS uses Montessori teaching principles to present the most essential realities of the Catholic faith to young children. Specially designed materials and inspiring presentations help children explore areas of faith formation appropriate to their development.

***Sunday, September 20, 2026 11:30am-12:30pm-public/home school first graders**
CGS Atrium, 102 Pope John Paul II Blvd Ste. #102

***Monday, September 21, 2026 AMCA First graders-Ave Maria Catholic Academy**
(AMCA) formally Donahue Academy

First Communion Preparation-2nd year (Baptized/completed 1st year First Communion preparation) Baptismal Certificate required at registration

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. The students will experience two retreats with a parent-Peace & Forgiveness Day (Reconciliation) in the fall and Jesus Day (Eucharist) in the spring.

***Sunday, September 20, 2026, 10:30-11:30am in AMAC-2nd-3rd class**

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St. Margaret Castello Ministry-Faith Formation for special needs students and their families. Sacramental preparation included as needed.

***Sunday, September 20, 2026 from 11:30am-12:30pm in AMCA**

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process developed by the Church for prospective converts to the Catholic faith above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practice. The basic process applies to adults and children who have reached catechetical age.

***OCIA for Adults**-These sessions are designed to learn about the Catholic faith, learn about what the Catholic Church teaches, and to assist in developing a relationship with Jesus Christ.

The classes are also open to adult Catholics that want to deepen their faith.

Wednesday, September 23, 2026, from 6:30-8:00pm AMCA Library

***Adult Confirmation** (included in OCIA): Adults that have received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.

Wednesday, September 23, 2026, from 6:30-8:00pm AMCA Library

***OCIC-Youth:**

-3rd-5th grades-“*Bridges to Faith*” catechesis is centered on the four pillars of the Catechism along with the Catholic Children’s Bible. The resources fill the faith formation gaps for students preparing to receive sacraments.

-6th-9th grades-“*Called to Be Catholic*” comprehensive introductions to the essentials and key teaching 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 12-15 preparing to receive sacraments.

September 23, 2026 11:30am-12:30pm AMCA

Confirmation Preparation: Confirmation is a two-year program for 9th-10th graders (must register both years) Baptismal Certificate/Proof of Communion are required at registration

***Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 6:30-8:00pm in AMCA Academy**-public, homeschool, non-10th grade Donahue students, or 10th grade students from other catholic high schools (**1st year Confirmation students do not attend**)

***During school class time: AMCA 10th Grade Theology Students**

AveYouth-A catholic apostolate for junior high and high school age teens. Through the saints of yesterday, the AveYouth program inspires the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow.

Sunday, September 13, 2026, 6:30-8:00pm AMCA gym (No registration needed)

Ave Maria Adult Catholic Studies-video/lecture/small group format on various faith issues.

Friday, September 11, 2026

Adult Bible Study-Thursdays, 1:30-3:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Totus Tuus Summer Program-A summer program for 1st-12thgraders dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, music, games and Eucharistic worship. **June 2027 (TBA)**