

# St. Mary's Religious Formation 2017-2018

## **GIFT – Family Faith Formation** Grades K-5, with parent(s)

**Sunday Sessions:** (1:30-4:00 OR 4:30-7:00)

**Session One: September 10 –**

Opening Celebration – **12:15 PM**

**Session Two: September 24**

**Session Three: October 8**

**Session Four: October 29**

**Session Five: November 19**

**Session Six: Friday, December 15 –**

Christmas Celebration – **6:30 PM only**

**Session Seven: January 7**

**Session Eight: January 21**

**Session Nine: February 11**

**Session Ten: February 25**

**Session Eleven: March 18**

**Session Twelve: Friday, April 13 –**

Closing Celebration – **6:30 PM only**

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**Session Seven: January 12**

**Session Eight: January 26**

**Session Nine: February 9**

**Session Ten: March 2**

**Session Eleven: March 23**

**Session Twelve: April 13 –**

Closing Celebration – **6:30 PM only**

The theme for 2017-2018:

### **Sacraments:**

#### **Celebrations of God's Love**

This year, we will be discussing how we celebrate the seven sacraments and how those sacraments work to bring us God's love. This is a great topic for learning about how to live as a Catholic, so children and their parents will understand all of the "things we do" at Mass and in the other celebrations we have here at church. Literally, a "don't miss it" year of formation!

### **For Your Information:**

**Our formation programs follow a six year rotation.** While we talk about sacraments, the bible, Mass, and other aspects of being Catholic at all of our sessions, there is one main focus each year. The only way to get a full learning experience is to attend AT LEAST a full six year rotation. We all benefit from this six year rotation because few of us will remember all of what we learned six years ago, and it allows the older students to learn about concepts taught in first and second grade at a much deeper level. **The upcoming themes are: 2017-18: Sacraments, 2018-19: Justice, 2019-20: Jesus, 2020-21: Following Christ Brings Happiness, 2021-22: The Creed, 2022-23: The Church Year - Being Christian in Our World Today, and so forth...**