

St. Mary's Religious Formation 2018-2019

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

Sunday Sessions: (1:30-4:00)

Session One: September 9 –

Opening Celebration – **1:30-3:30 PM**

Session Two: September 30

Session Three: October 21

Session Four: November 11

Session Five: December 2

Session Six: Friday, December 14 –

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

Session Seven: January 6

Session Eight: January 27

Session Nine: February 24

Session Ten: March 17

Session Eleven: April 14

Session Twelve: Friday, April 26 –

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

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The theme for 2018-2019:

Justice: Loving All of God's People

This year, we will be discussing how we are encouraged to care for all of God's creation. Following the teachings of Jesus can be challenging, and those teachings have wide implications for our everyday lives. At each session, we'll hear what Jesus had to say about caring for people, our earth, and ourselves. We'll also gain some real-life tips for making Christian living a joy! This is a good year for learning the answer to: "Why does the Church say that?"

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:** **2019-20:** Jesus, **2020-21:** Following Christ Brings Happiness, **2021-22:** The Creed, **2022-23:** The Church Year - Being Christian in Our World Today, **2023-24:** Sacraments, **2024-25:** Justice, and so forth...