



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION
 Accompanying families in their journey of faith as we lead each other to **Christ**, grow to know Jesus better, and help each other get to heaven.



Faith formation is more than a subject to be taught. It is an invitation to a way of life.” Joe Paprocki

During the summer, the students in our faith formation program, with their parents, continue growing in HOPE and relationship with the Lord by doing the following:

READING & REFLECTING ON SUNDAY MASS SCRIPTURE OR A SCRIPTURE STORY FROM THEIR BIBLE.

Children can choose to reread a favorite scripture, one they “need” to read again for better understanding, or can choose a new one they’ve never read.

A Family Prayer
 God made us a family.
 We need one another.
 We love one another.
 We forgive one another.
 We work together.
 We play together.
 We worship together.
 Together we use God’s word.
 Together we grow in Christ.
 Together we love all people.
 Together we serve God.
 Together we hope for Heaven.
 These are our hopes and ideals.
 Help us to attain them, oh God,
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

PRAYER - Throughout this year we pray the Sign of the Cross, the Act of Hope, and the Family Prayer. During the summer months, we also include in our prayer time . . . the Rosary, Prayer to the Holy Spirit by St. Augustine, and a Litany of the Saints whose feast days are in each summer month.

GROWING IN VIRTUE — Our virtue focus is OBEDIENCE and DILIGENCE

OBEDIENCE is saying “yes” to the loving will of God and those He has set over us.

Through the intercession of Our Lady – Make a list of people you should obey. Choose one of those people and work on obeying him/her better.

Through the intercession of St. Juan Diego – Play one of your favorite games, but leave out an important rule. What happens? Leaving out some rules might make the game more fun, but is that true for every rule? Which ones are necessary to make the game work? Make it a goal to follow the rules of all your games this month without arguing.

Through the intercession of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini – Sometimes we say we’ll do something and then forget. Practice doing such things **right away**, or come up with ways to remember. (For example, write a note and put it in your bedroom doorway so that you’ll see it when you walk over to it, or if you can’t scrub the shower right away when your parent asks, put the cleaner on your night stand so you remember to do it before you go to bed.)

DILIGENCE is doing your best and working hard until you’re finished.

Through the intercession of St. Andre Bessette – Because it’s harder toward the end, make a calendar that shows the last month of school and for every day you work your hardest in the first week, give yourself one smiley face; for every day you work your hardest in the second week, give yourself two smiley faces; three for each day in the third week; four for each day in the fourth week. How many smiley faces will that be if you get them all? How many do you think you can get? Make a goal and try to reach it.

Through the intercession of St. Francis de Sales – If we remember to do everything as a gift for God, we’ll do our best. Say a quick prayer in your heart, such as “All for You, Jesus!”, before each task you start.

Through the intercession of St. Catherine of Siena – Discuss how diligence is related to the virtue of hope. When you’re tempted to quit or to do a sloppy job of something, pray the “Act of Hope” or doodle the word HOPE on your paper or on a piece of paper that you tape to your work area as a reminder of your goal and your reason for putting forth your best effort.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024

Registration for the next year of faith formation will begin on June 1st. Current RE families can go straight to the online registration link. Families new to our RE program should email Kelly Martinez at kmartinez@saintmike.com prior to registering to ensure their child is placed in the level and program option best for them. Please visit our parish website at www.saintmike.com. Click on EDUCATION and then RELIGIOUS EDUCATION in the drop down menu. Thank you for considering our ministry team to grow in faith with your family.



God’s peace be with you in all that happens and all you do!