

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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Religious Education

Sacred Heart Parish offers a well-structured, up to date program of catechesis and sacramental preparation for children in grades K – 8. Classes are held Sunday mornings, September through April, from 9:15-10:30 AM at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Please tell a friend about our program!



Sacramental Preparation

Please note that preparation for Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation is a two year requirement. Therefore to receive First Communion in grade two the children must begin with grade one. Likewise, to receive Confirmation in grade 8 the program begins in grade seven. Older children who miss the normal sequence are also required to follow a two year process.



Vacation Bible School

Theme: Kingdom Rock, Where Kids Stand Strong for God, July 15-19, 2013. Kids love meeting new friends in their crews! A single Bible point is reinforced throughout each daily activity! Registration materials will be available in March.

Adult Faith Formation

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and Children (RCIC)

The parish welcomes those seeking fuller participation in the life of the Church. This is a program offered each year to those who wish to be baptized into the Catholic faith and to those who are already baptized Christians who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know may be interested, please call Michelle Kriss at the Parish Center office 574-631-7508 or mkriss@nd.edu. Classes run September through May. The classes will be held in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. We look forward to having you join us! This same process is offered for unbaptized children over the age of seven through the RCIC or Rite of Christian Initiation for Children.

Baptismal Preparation for Parents

This two hour session is for parents desiring to bring their first child for the Sacrament of Baptism. The session includes theology of Baptism, role of parents and godparents, and the Rite of Baptism.

Adult Classes & Programs

- *ARISE Together in Christ* – process of faith sharing in small communities over 5 six week “seasons.” Topics are seasonal.
- *Matthew: the King and His Kingdom* – September – April (24 weeks). Bible study of the Gospel of Matthew
- *EPIC: Church History* – September – March (20 weeks) – Study of Church history from the Apostles to today.
- Check back in early spring for other topics to be offered in the fall of 2013

