

St. Anne's Faith Development Curriculum Overview

Preschool-K	Sunday mornings during 8am Mass , hall, classrooms
Grades 1-5	Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30am , hall, classrooms
Home schooling – Contact faith development office for resources – 839-4857	

EARLY CHILDHOOD **3,4,5 year olds** SHARING GOD'S STORY

Children explore Bible stories in fun and active ways making connections between the stories and daily life. Children explore how greeting, giving, receiving, and sharing are woven into the fabric of Christian living.

GRADE ONE Finding God – our response to God's gifts (Loyola Series)

God the creator loves us. God sends us Jesus. We learn to follow Jesus. The Spirit through our family helps us to learn to be caring *Learn basic prayers-Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be*

GRADE TWO – Celebrating Sacraments

We prepare to celebrate reconciliation/confession by November. Learn *Act of Contrition* We prepare for Eucharist and Confirmation the rest of the year. Learn responses used at Mass. Review baptismal saint. Consider choosing a saint name for Confirmation as a model to imitate in living a good life.

GRADE THREE Deeper presentation of God the Father and Jesus. Learn *Apostles Creed* The Holy Spirit, church leaders and celebrating sacraments help us to grow. *Rosary*

GRADE FOUR Content is taken from the Sunday readings and seasons of the church year. Young people receive a weekly four-page leaflet. Students receive their own Bible. Stories of the saints are shared. Grade 4 celebrates a Seder/Passover meal in lent.

GRADE FIVE A deeper study of all the sacraments. God's covenant with Abraham is answered through Jesus. Jesus teaches us to live a moral life and care for our world.

Each grade has seasonal lessons. Grades 2 and 5 bring their books home. Extra help is available at www.FindingGod.org

Summer Bible Vacation School - A one week program 9-noon for children who have completed K-5. Older teens and adults present the program. Through music, prayer, crafts, games, drama, and snacks a part of our faith is deepened.

Older Confirmation Series – Four one hour sessions held in the winter months to provide immediate preparation to celebrate Confirmation for children/teens who have moved into the diocese. Our Maine practice is Confirmation at Eucharist in grade 2.

MIDDLE SCHOOL – We offer a youth ministry model. Four workshops on relevant teen topics like peer pressure are offered usually on Sunday afternoons. One is usually at St. Joseph's College so a swim time is included. Social and service activities are sponsored during the year like running the children's game room at the Christmas Fair or helping set-up Grandma's attic. A highlight is a daylong area workshop at St. Maxilian Kolbe Parish.

SPRED – This is a symbolic program for special needs youth. Two six-week series held fall and winter Saturday mornings 10-11:15am. Each child has a faith friend. We begin with quieting activities, move to chapel for our faith message and return to the people's room for snack. We try to have a family Mass. Sacramental prep is offered when needed.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – K-5

Fall through May at Sunday Masses, children are sent out to experience simple readings and discuss the message. They return to Mass at Offertory time.

HIGH SCHOOL

Youth ministry meets weekly. Teens sponsor an advent family workshop, a teen Mardi Gras, living stations Palm Sunday eve and a senior recognition Mass. They participate in state and regional events like fall frenzy, winter carnival and convention. They join in parish social outreach projects.

Youth leadership is enabled through state training at a weeklong summer workshop – CLI and ACLI. Gift and Search retreats are offered.

ADULTS

*Scripture groups meet.

*Lenten speaker series at Monday evening Masses. Lenten retreat days.

*Occasional spirituality evenings offered.

*Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets Wednesdays 1-2:30pm. We pray and knit for those grieving, dealing with serious illness or experiencing stressful times. We provide Project Rachel retreatants with shawls.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Children or adults who are seeking a faith community may attend inquiry sessions to see if our faith is appropriate for them. Call the parish office for the adult or youth contact person.