

RELIGIOUS FORMATION 2026-2027

GRADE ONE: We Belong

Welcome to the new parish faith formation program for young people.

WELCOME TO GRADE ONE

First grade is the beginning of your child's formal faith formation at Christ the King. This year is less about mastering facts and more about helping children discover something foundational: **they belong**. They belong to Jesus, they belong to His Church, and they belong to this parish family.

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL DISCOVER

Throughout the year, children will begin to recognize the people, prayers, symbols, and celebrations of our Catholic faith. They will learn about Jesus and His love for them, discover what it means to belong to the Church through Baptism, and become more familiar and comfortable with the celebration of Sunday Mass. **Our goal is simple: we want church to feel like home.**

WHY MASS MATTERS TO A FIRST GRADER

Children learn the faith not only by hearing about it, but by experiencing it. At Mass, they see families praying together. They hear Scripture proclaimed. They watch the priest, lectors, musicians, altar servers, and other ministers. They learn when to stand, sit, kneel, respond, sing, and pray. Little by little, what may initially seem unfamiliar becomes familiar. They begin to understand: **this is my Church, this is my community, and I have a place here.**

YOUR ROLE AT HOME

Parents are the most important teachers of faith in a child's life. You don't need to be a theologian to do this well. Bring your child to Mass. Pray together. Practice the basic prayers. Talk about what you saw and heard at church. Answer questions when you can, and when you can't, help your child discover the answer. Most importantly, help your child see that faith is not simply something we learn. **It is something we live together.**

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name. **You are mine.**"
Isaiah 43:1



GRADE ONE FORMATION GUIDE

November 29 | 10:30 a.m. Mass

We belong to the Father: "We are all the work of your hands."

December 27 | 10:30 a.m. Mass

We belong to a family: The Holy Family

January 10 | 10:30 a.m. Mass

We belong to Jesus: Baptism

March 14 | 10:30 a.m. Mass

We belong to the Church: "I will be their God, and they shall be my people."



FAITH AT HOME

Please teach your child these prayers at home throughout the year—and pray them together:

- Sign of the Cross
- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be
- Prayer Before Meals

