

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION 2026-2027

# GRADE SEVEN: We Serve Like Jesus

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

### WELCOME TO GRADE SEVEN

As we continue to grow as disciples, Jesus invites us to look beyond ourselves and recognize the needs of others. He teaches us that true greatness is found in serving God and serving our neighbor with generous hearts. This year, we'll discover how our prayers, gifts, talents, and acts of love can become ways of serving like Jesus.

### WE SERVE LIKE JESUS

Jesus came not to be served, but to serve. Throughout His life, He cared for those in need, welcomed those who felt forgotten, and gave Himself completely out of love for the world. As His followers, we are called to offer our own lives to God and to use the gifts He has given us to serve others with compassion, generosity, and joy.

### LIVING AS A SERVANT

Serving like Jesus isn't only about doing big things. It begins with noticing the people around us, making time for those who need us, sharing our gifts, and putting God's will before our own. Every act of kindness, generosity, and faithful service is an opportunity to reflect Christ's love and help build His Kingdom.

### YOUR ROLE AT HOME

Encourage your child to recognize opportunities each day to serve others with love and generosity. Help them discover how their unique gifts and talents can make a difference in the lives of others. Most importantly, let your own example show them that serving God and serving others is at the heart of living as a disciple of Jesus.



### GRADE SEVEN FORMATION GUIDE

#### August 29/30 & September 5/6

Please be sure to pick up your family's Formation Kit in the church hall after any Mass. The kit includes your XP tokens, *Faith at Home Guide*, and *Faith in Action Guide* for the upcoming formation year. Staff will be available to answer questions and help you get started.

#### October 8 | 5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Serving through prayer: Students will lead a Living Rosary prayer service, helping parishioners pray as a community.

#### October 17 | 3:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

We belong to God: Offering Him our lives, gifts, and talents. Students will prepare to serve at the 5:00 p.m. **Ministry Mass**.

#### November 22 | 9:00 a.m. Mass

Serving those in need: "I was hungry and you gave me food."

#### February 7 | 9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Serving with compassion: Making time for those who need us. Students will prepare to serve at the 10:30 a.m. **Ministry Mass**.

#### March 7 | 10:30 a.m. Mass

Serving with sacrificial love: Giving without counting the cost.

#### May 2 | 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Serving the Church: Sharing God's love with everyone. Students will prepare to serve at the Noon **Ministry Mass**.

