

RELIGIOUS FORMATION 2026-2027 GRADE TWO: Jesus is With Us

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

WELCOME TO GRADE TWO

Second grade is a special year in your child's journey of faith. As they prepare to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, they will discover that Jesus is always with us. He guides us with His love, forgives us with His mercy, and feeds us with His own life in the Eucharist. Throughout this year, we invite you to walk alongside your child as they grow closer to Jesus through prayer, worship, and the sacraments.

JESUS IS WITH US

Jesus promised, "I am with you always." He is with us as our Good Shepherd, who knows and loves each one of us. He is with us when He forgives our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and He is with us in a unique and powerful way in the Eucharist – the bread of life. This year, we will discover the many ways Jesus remains close to us and invites us to remain close to Him.

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is about more than learning prayers or understanding the Mass. It is about growing in friendship with Jesus. As children learn to recognize His love, receive His forgiveness, and share in His life through the Eucharist, they begin a lifelong journey of faith that continues long after these special celebrations.

YOUR ROLE AT HOME

Parents are the first teachers of the faith, and your example is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child. Pray together, attend Mass faithfully, and talk about how Jesus is present in your family's daily life. By celebrating these sacraments together and living your faith at home, you help your child discover that Jesus is always with us.

Second graders will receive First Communion during regularly scheduled Masses throughout the month of May. Dates and times will be announced in January.



GRADE TWO 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.

PARENT MEETINGS (choose one)

September 27 | 12:45 p.m.

September 29 | 6:00 p.m.

December 6 | Noon Mass

Jesus is our shepherd: He knows us, cares for us, and leads us with love. ***Parent meeting in the church hall immediately following Noon Mass.***

December 12 | 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Jesus forgives us: Students will celebrate God's mercy as they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

January 3 | 10:30 a.m. Mass | Epiphany

God reveals His Son to all the world: Like the magi, we learn to recognize and follow Jesus.

April 3 | 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Jesus Feeds Us: Discovering how Jesus gives Himself to us in the Mass and the Eucharist.

April 11 | 10:30 a.m. Mass

Jesus is with us in the Eucharist: The disciples recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

April 18 | 10:30 a.m. Mass

Good Shepherd Sunday: Jesus knows us by name and calls us to follow Him.

April 25 | Noon Mass

Jesus helps us grow together: Like branches on the vine, we remain close to Him through the Eucharist. ***Rehearsal for First Communion immediately following Noon Mass in the church.***