

# GATHER Family Faith Formation

## CALENDAR: 2024-2025

GATHER sessions will have up to 60 families gathered in the gym for one session. We will only be hosting one GATHER session on Sunday and one GATHER session on Wednesday evenings. Sessions will run for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

We invite all new families to our New Family Orientation on Sept 15<sup>th</sup> at 3PM in the Education Center Cafeteria. Please enter at the West door

### Sunday Morning: Grades KDG-8th Grade (HS welcome)

SUNDAY 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Sept. 15\* Sept 29 Oct 20 Nov. 10 Dec. 8\* Jan. 12

Feb 2 Feb 16 Mar 2 Mar 16 Apr 6\*

### Wednesday Evening: Grades KDG-8th Grade (HS welcome)

WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM

Sept. 15\* Oct. 2 Oct. 23 Nov. 13 Dec. 8\* Jan. 15

Feb 9 Feb 19 Mar 5 Mar 19 Apr 6\*

Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm

ALL GATHER FAMILIES: Please join us at the Gather Family Formation First Session and Catechetical Sunday kick off mass on Sunday September 15 at 4:30.

\*All GATHER Families will attend these sessions of GATHER on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> by attending Sunday 4:30 PM Mass followed by a short lesson and then community dinner in McDonnell Hall.

We ask that families call in advance if you need to attend an alternative session. This allows us to prepare where necessary. Thank you in advance for this courtesy to check availability at alternative sessions. As always, we will email materials from the session if you cannot attend. Thank you for understanding.

Abundant blessings,

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## Sacramental Prep Year 2 Families

### Sacramental Preparation

This is such a special year as you continue to prepare your child for the First Reception of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The following dates are for your child's Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation and Reception of the Sacrament. Only your child needs to attend the Sacramental Preparation classes. These sessions are very important and must be attended *along with* the Gather Faith Formation sessions. This year all Sacramental Prep classes will be held on the Tuesday evenings from 5-7 PM.

We will be collecting a *\$75 per child Sacramental Prep fee at the first October Gather session*. This fee covers a portion of the extra resources needed for your child's preparation activities.

### First Reception of Reconciliation Preparation (Child- only)

Tuesday Sept 24 5-7 PM

Tuesday Oct 15 5-7 PM

Tuesday Nov 19 5-7 PM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Child and Family attend)

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 6:00 PM in the Church

### 2025 First Reception of Holy Communion Preparation (Child-only)

Tuesday Jan 21 5-7 PM

Tuesday Feb 18 5-7 PM

Tuesday Mar 25 5-7 PM

### First Communion Retreat - April 12th, 2025 (9am-Noon)

#### Parent and Child

#### Tentative dates

Practice for First Holy Communion will be on

Tuesday April 29th (6-7pm & 7-8pm)

First Holy Communion - Saturday May 3rd (9:30/11:30)