

Faith Formation Lessons Schedule 2025-26

St. John the Baptist Parish (Sept. 8, 2025 version)

Preschool, K, grade 1: Using plastic bins– with Wendy and Tonya, Katelyn assisting
Grade 2: Using Reconciliation–purple book & Eucharist–blue book with Patty and Damien
Grade 3 & 4: Using Finding God, grade 4 with Tracy and Randon
Grade 5 & 6: Using Finding God, grade 5 with Meghan and Becky
Grade 7 & 8: Using Finding God, grade 8 with Dan and Marian
Confirmation Grade 9-10: Decision Point: Using lessons with Greg and Jill

CODES: **PURPLE** is for Confirmation Hours; **RED** are special days to note; **GREEN** is 2nd GRADE

September 14: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (red), grade 9/10 assist
First Session, Catechist Recognition and Backpack Blessing, 8:30-10:30 AM

Breaking Bread Breakfast after Faith Formation

Preschool-K- Grade 1: Topic: Creation; Book: Little Bible Heroes: Creation; Snack: Blue Jello cups for water; Craft: Creation Fold Up

Grade 2: Reconciliation, Lesson 1: **Topic: Adam and Eve—Temptation and Serpent; –Hand out Sacramental Form to take home and be filled in and returned on Sept. 28**

Grade 3-4: Lesson 1 and 2

Grade 5-6: Lesson 1 and 2

Grade 7-8: Lesson 1 and 2

Grade 9-10: Decision Point, Lesson 1: Life is Choices,

Vacuuming: All take care of own room/clean up; Greg & Jill -stairs and hall

*****MEET WITH PARENT AND CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AFTER FAITH FORMATION–REQUIRED–Lunch picnic discussion**

September 21: Confirmation students needed to set up tables and chairs for Rummage Sale after 8:30 mass–Hours for volunteering

September 25 and 26: Rummage Sale:

September 28: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, (green) grade 7-8 assist
Second Session, 8:30-10:30 AM MUST show safe environment videos

*****SEND HOME FIELD TRIP FORMS FOR STUDENTS**

Preschool-K-Grade 1: Topic: Noah's Ark; Book: Noah and the Great Flood; Snack: Animal crackers; Craft: Noah's boat

Grade 2: Reconciliation, Lesson 2 : **Topic: Sacraments of Initiation, First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Sacramental Form DUE**

Grade 3-4: Lesson 3 and 4

Grade 5-6: Lesson 3 and 4

Grade 7-8: Lesson 3 and 4

Grade 9-10: Decision Point, Lesson 2: What's Holding You Back?

*****Confirmation Policy Sheet is DUE-BLUE in color**

*****Sacramental Record Keeping Form is DUE-WHITE in color**

Vacuuming: All take care of own room/clean up; Dan and Marian-stairs and hall

October 12: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, (green) grade 5-6 assist
Third Session, 8:30-10:30 AM No Lessons
Breaking Bread Breakfast after Faith Formation
Anointing of the Sick Mass—Confirmation Students attend
SAINTS SCAVENGER HUNT: Walk to the cemetery: Grade 9-10 leave immediately after Communion and drop items along the path to the Cemetery, after mass, combine all grades for walk to cemetery—older ones walk with younger ones to help grades pre-K-1-2

October 18: Cemetery Clean-Up: 9:00am: Confirmation volunteer hours

October 26: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, (green) grade 3-4 assist
Fourth Session, 8:30-10:30 AM Memorial Mass
SAINT SCAVENGER HUNT—ALTERNATE IN CASE OF RAIN
Preschool-K-Grade 1: Topic: Joseph's Amazing Colored Coat; Book: Great Bible Stories: Joseph; Snack: Colored Fruit by the Foot ; Craft: Joseph's Coat with Chenille Stems
Grade 2: Reconciliation, Lesson 3: **Topic: Jesus Forgives Us: Matthew, the tax collector**
Grade 3-4: Lesson 5 and 6
Grade 5-6: Lesson 5 and 6
Grade 7-8: Lesson 5 and 6
Grade 9-10: Decision Point, Lesson 3: The Jesus Question
Vacuuming: All take care of own room/clean up; Meghan and Becky-stairs and hall

November 2: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, (purple), grade Pre-grade 2 assist, **MEMORIAL MASS**
Fifth Session, 8:30-10:30 AM
Preschool-K-grade 1: Topic: Prayer; Book: I Can Talk to God by Praying Jesus's Way; Snack: Pretzels (mini and curved), Craft: Finger Prayer Hand
Grade K-1: Lesson 7 and 8
Grade 2: Reconciliation, Lesson 4: **Topic: Jesus Heals Us: Man Lowered Through the Roof**
Grade 3-4: Lesson 7 and 8
Grade 5-6; Lesson 7 and 8
Grade 7-8: Lesson 7 and 8
Grade 9-10: Decision Point, Lesson 4: The Prayer Process
Vacuuming: All take care of own room/clean up; Tracy and Randon-stairs and hall
Cookies and Juice/ Coffee after Mass—students take and head upstairs

November 8: Craft Sale
Confirmation students to set up chairs the night of November 5 OR 6, 6:00PM. Food provided. Will receive volunteer hours
Confirmation students earn volunteer hours working at the Craft table during the sale
Confirmation students needed at 3:00PM on November 8th to put away tables and set up for mass. Will receive Volunteer Hours

November 16: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, (green), grade 9-10 assist

Sixth Session: 8:30-10:30 AM

*****Tying Blankets for Donation after class(10:10) and before Turkey Bingo*****

Preschool-K-Grade 1: Topic: Thanksgiving; Book: I Am Thankful: A Thanksgiving Book for Kids; Snack: Cheez-its; Craft: Faith Fall Characters

Grade 2: Reconciliation, Lesson 5: The Holy Spirit Guides Us: Prodigal Son Story; Thanksgiving snack

Grade 3-4 Lesson 9, Thanksgiving snack

Grade 5-6: Lesson 9, Thanksgiving snack

Grade 7-8: Lesson 9, Thanksgiving snack

Grade 9-10: Class is tying blankets (Volunteer Hours)

Vacuuming: All take care of own room/clean up; Patty and Damien-stairs and hall

Turkey Bingo: Confirmation students set up tables, TWO helpers will be needed during Bingo to sell cards, helpers and help will be needed for clean up afterward (volunteer hours)

November 23: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, (white) grade 7-8 assist

Seventh Session, 8:30-10:45 AM ,

Preschool-K-Grade 1: Topic: Advent; Book: The Christmas Story; Snack: Advent item; Craft: Advent Wreath with Paper Plate

Grade 2: Reconciliation, Lesson 6: God is Always With Us: The Good Shepherd Practice Act of Contrition; Watch DVD on Reconciliation, Go through the booklet & practice, Meet with Fr. Brad

Grade 3-4 Lesson 10 and 11, Advent

Grade 5-6: Lesson 10 and 11, Advent

Grade 7-8: Lesson 10 and 11, Advent

Grade 9-10: Decision Point, Lesson 5: The Bible, Talk about Advent and Lighting Candles and Candle Meaning

Confirmation students: ***Choosing a Confirmation Name Form DUE (Lavender–complete the front and back–a white list of saint ideas is with this sheet)

***Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor Form DUE (Green in color)

Vacuuming: All take care of own room/clean up; Wendy and Tonya-stairs and hall

November 30: First Sunday of Advent: Grade 9-10 family read about candle and light it

December 7: Second Sunday of Advent: Grade 9-10 family read about candle and light it

December 7: *ALL FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES ATTEND MASS for 150th Memorial Mass**

December 13: Parish Reconciliation and *First Reconciliation, 1:00 PM, SJTB**

December 14: Third Sunday of Advent: Grade 9-10 family read about candle and light it

December 14: Third Sunday of Advent, (purple), grade 5-6 assist

Eighth Session, 8:30-10:45 AM

Preschool-K-Grade 1: Topic: Christmas; Book: Little Heroes Christmas; Birth of Jesus, Snack: Stick pretzels to make a creche; Craft: Nativity Family Heart Ornament

Grade 2: Eucharist, Lesson 1: **The Coming of the Holy Spirit**

Grade 3-4: Lessons 12 and 13

Grade 5-6: Lessons 12 and 13

Grade 7-8: Lessons 12 and 13

Grade 9-10: Decision Point, Lesson 6: Relationships; Work on Sponsor Packet

Vacuuming: All take care of own room/clean up; Greg and Jill -stairs and hall

December 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Grade 9-10 family read about candle and light it

January 11: The Baptism of the Lord, (white), grade 3-4 assist

Ninth Session, 8:30-10:45 AM, grades 7-8 assist at mass

Preschool-K-Grade 1: Topic: Healing the Paralyzed Man; Book: From the Rooftop; Snack: Stick Pretzels to make the house Craft: Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man

Grade 2: Eucharist Lesson 2: **Ark of the Covenant** (Ten Commandments Mobile)

Vocabulary: Lector, Ambo, Sign the the Cross, Altar

Grade 3-4: Lesson 14 and 15

Grade 5-6: Lesson 14 and 15

Grade 7-8: Lesson 14 and 15

Grade 9-10: Decision Point, Lesson 7: The Eucharist

Vacuuming: All take care of own room/clean up; Dan and Marian-stairs and hall

January 25: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, (green), pre-grade 2 assist

Tenth Session, 8:30-10:45 AM, grades 5-6 assist at mass

Preschool-K-Grade 1: Topic: The Woman at the Well: Book: Jesus and the Woman at the Well; Snack: Blue Jello; Craft: Jesus is the Living Water

Grade 2: Eucharist Lesson 3: **Moses and the Burning Bush** (craft-burning bush votive cup) Vocabulary: Penitential Rite, Gloria

Grade 3-4: Lessons 16 and 17

Grade 5-6; Lessons 16 and 17

Grade 7-8: Lessons 16 and 17

Grade 9-10: Decision Point, Lesson 8: The Holy Spirit

Vacuuming: All take care of own room/clean up; Meghan and Becky-stairs and hall

February 8: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, (green), grade 9-10 assist
Eleventh Session, 8:30-10:45 AM (Anointing of the Sick at mass)
Grade 3 & 4 assist at mass

Valentine Letters to Senior Citizens

Preschool-K-Grade 11: Fishers of Men; Book: Follow Me; Snack: Goldfish crackers;
Craft: Fishers of Men with Net

Grade 2: Write Valentine Letters; Eucharist Lesson 4: **Seeds on Good Soil** (Craft: Sower Sticker Scene) Vocabulary: 1st Reading, Psalm, 2nd Reading, Gospel, Homily, Creed)

Grade 3-4: Write Valentine letters; Lent, pages ; Review Stations of the Cross

Grade 5-6: Write Valentine Cards; Lent, pages ; Review Stations of the Cross

Grade 7-8: Write Valentine letters; Lent, pages ; Review Stations of the Cross

Grade 9-10: Write Valentine letters; Lent--prepare for Living Stations of the Cross

Vacuuming: All take care of own room/clean up; Tracy and Randon-stairs and hall

February 18: Ash Wednesday Mass

February 20: Fish Fry #1 (Volunteer hours for Confirmation)

February 22: First Sunday of Lent, (purple), grade 7-8 assist

Twelfth Session, 8:30-10:30 AM (grade 1-2 assist at mass)

Breaking Bread Breakfast after Faith Formation

Hand out Rice Bowls to students;

Preschool-K-Grade 1: Topic: Lent; Book: We're Going on a Lenten Journey;
Snack: Crackers Craft: Lenten mobile

Grade 2: Eucharist Lesson 5: **Loaves and Fish** (File Folder Game and Craft)

Vocabulary: Offertory, Prep of Gifts, Blessing over Gifts

Grade 3-4: Lessons 18 and 19

Grade 5-6: Lessons 18 and 19

Grade 7-8: Lessons 18 and 19

Grade 9-10: Decision Point, Lesson 9: The Church; set up times for practicing Living Stations of the Cross

Confirmation: *** Work on letter writing to Fr. Brad (pink sheet)--DUE March 15

***Work on Letter to Bishop Patrick (yellow sheet)--Due March 15

***Review Confirm requirements

Vacuuming: All take care of own room/clean up; Patty and Damien-stairs and hall

March 13: Fish Fry #2 (Volunteer hours for Confirmation)

March 15: Fourth Sunday of Lent, (purple), grade 5-6 assist

Thirteenth Session, 8:30-10:45 AM (grades preschool and K assist at mass)

Preschool-K-Grade 1: Topic: Prodigal Son; Book: Prodigal Son; Snack: Cheez-its
Craft: Prodigal Son Sticker Scene Booklet

Grade 2: Eucharist, Lesson 6: **Last Supper**

Vocabulary: Eucharistic Prayer, Holy, Holy, Consecration, Memorial
Acclamation, Great Amen

Grade 3-4: Lessons 20 and 21

Grade 5-6: Lessons 20 and 21

Grade 7-8: Lessons 21 & 23

Grade 9-10: Decision Point, Lesson 10: Confirmation, ***Letter to Fr. Brad and

Bishop Patrick DUE

Vacuuming: All take care of own room/clean up; Wendy and Tonya-stairs and hall

March 21: Parish Reconciliation, 1:00PM at St. Joseph Catholic Church

**March 29: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, (red), NO FF ministers needed
Fourteenth Session, 8:30-10:45 AM**

RICE BOWLS DUE

Preschool-K-Grade 1: Topic: Palm Sunday; Book: The Week That Lead to Easter;

Snack: Crackers; Craft: Palm leaf with Hosanna

Grade 2: Eucharist, Lesson 7: Questions about ceremony; Mass Booklet

Vocabulary: Lord's Prayer, Sign of Peace, Lamb of God, Communion, Prayer After Communion, Dismissal

Banners Sent home to complete—Due April 12

Grade 3-4: Holy Week/Easter Lesson and craft

Grade 5-6: Holy Week/Easter Lesson and craft

Grade 7-8: Holy Week/Easter Lesson and craft

Grade 9-10: Living Stations of the Cross—present for all classes and adult enrichment

Vacuuming: All take care of own room/clean up; Greg and Jill-stairs and hall

April 2: Holy Thursday, 6:00 PM Confirmation Students get feet washed

April 3: Good Friday, 6:00PM

April 4: Easter Vigil, 7:00PM, if this service is outside, we will ask Confirmation students to come early and help decorate and set up for the Vigil

April 12: Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy), (white), grade 3-4 assist

Grades 3-11 with adult enrichment will be going to Kids Fighting Hunger, 9:30-noon

Fifteenth Session, 8:30-10:45 AM (Possible Kids Fighting Hunger Field Trip)

Preschool-K-1: Topic: The Good Samaritan; Book: Little Bible Heroes: The Good Samaritan; Snack: Use up leftovers; Craft: Good Samaritan Foam Kit

Grade 2: Lesson 8: Questions about ceremony

Vocabulary: Lord's Prayer, Sign of Peace, Lamb of God, Communion, Prayer After Communion, Dismissal

Grade 3-4: Lesson 22 and 23

Grade 5-6-7-8: Lesson 22 and 23

Grade 9-10: Decision Point, Lesson 11: Made for Mission

Confirmation: *SPONSOR PROCESS PACKET DUE (white in color)**

*****Volunteer Hours Card is DUE (on cardstock)**

Vacuuming: All take care of own room/clean up; Dan and Marian-stairs and hall

April 25: First Communion Practice, 9:00am, Parish Center—Meeting with Fr. Brad about First Communion

April 26: [Fourth Sunday of Easter](#), (white), grade 2, grade 9-10 assist

Sixteenth Session, 8:30-10:45 AM

Breaking Bread Breakfast after Faith Formation

FIRST COMMUNION during MASS

Preschool-K-Grade 1: Book: Pentecost; Book: The Day When God Made the Church; The Birth of the Church; Snack: Leftovers; Craft: Pentecost Crown

Grade 2: First Communion Sunday, no class for Grade 2

Grade 3-4: Lesson 24

Grade 5-6-7-8: Lesson 24

Grade 9-10: Decision Point, Lesson 12: Holiness is Possible [All Confirmation sheets should be completed and handed in](#)

Vacuuming: All take care of own room/clean up; Meghan and Becky-stairs and hall

******Leave tables up for Rummage Sale******

May 1st and 2nd: Rummage Sale

May 16: Confirmation Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Church of St. Joseph

May 17: Confirmation, 2:00 PM, Church of St. Joseph, plan on arriving by 1:15 PM

The 2025-2026 Confirmation retreats will be held at Sacred Heart Parish in Sauk Rapids on the following dates: CHOOSE ONE

- **November 8:** 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **January 11:** 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **February 7:** 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.