

## St. Thomas Aquinas Faith Formation Calendar - 2018-19

WEDNESDAY DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS	
Date	Grades PreK-8th Time: 6:00-7:00pm
WED Sept. 12	Catechist In-service (only for catechists)
WED Sept. 19	Intro to Discipleship, Intro to Scripture
WED Sept. 26	A look at Scripture or the Church
WED Oct. 3	Mystery of God, the Church, or the Trinity
WED Oct. 10	God the Creator, Jesus the Son, The Marks of the Church
WED Oct. 17	<b>In-Service, CATECHISTS ONLY - Generation Z</b>
WED Oct. 24	Mary, Jesus, and Prayer
WED Oct. 31	<b>NO SESSION - Halloween</b>
WED Nov. 7	The Paschal Mystery, Communion of Saints
WED Nov. 14	Holy Spirit, Evangelization
WED Nov. 21	<b>NO SESSION--THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>
WED Nov. 28	The Church
WED Dec. 5	Liturgy, Liturgical Year, Sacraments
WED Dec. 12	Prayer, Baptism
WED Dec. 19	<b>FAMILY SESSION - ADVENT &amp; CHRISTMAS</b>
WED Dec. 26	<b>NO SESSION--CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>
WED Jan. 2	<b>NO SESSION--CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>
WED Jan. 9	<b>FAMILY SESSION</b>
WED Jan. 16	Various Topics
WED Jan. 23	Various Topics
WED Jan. 30	Mass, Holy Spirit, Sacraments
WED Feb. 6	<b>In-Service, CATECHISTS ONLY</b>
WED Feb. 13	Marriage, Love
WED Feb. 20	Holiness, Happiness
WED Feb. 27	Making Moral Choices, 10 Commandments
WED Mar. 6	<b>Ash Wednesday Mass -- NO SESSION</b>
WED Mar. 13	Unity, Love, Dignity of Others
WED Mar. 20	<b>NO SESSION - Spring Break</b>
WED Mar. 27	Beatitudes, The Great Commandment
WED Apr. 3	Thanksgiving of God's Love, Community Life
WED Apr. 10	<b>RECONCILIATION SERVICE (Grades 3-8)</b>
WED Apr. 17	<b>NO SESSION - HOLY WEEK</b>
WED Apr. 24	Easter, Various Topics
WED May 1	Being a Disciple & Prayer
WED May 8	<b>NO CLASSES - End of Year</b>

\*Topics listed are generalizations of what will be discussed within grades 1-8

## Faith Formation for Adults

Children learn and grow by the example they see. If there is an expectation for a child to understand and live out his/her faith, then he/she needs to witness it by their greatest mentors.

St. Thomas Aquinas provides multiple opportunities for adults to grow in their faith in numerous ways. We have small groups, prayer events, fellowship time, and our many liturgies.

In the 2018-19 year, we will also have more workshops, retreats, and a new option for lay ministry training. We would recommend everyone look into these experiences.

In particular, we highlight our parish small group ministries, which have become a part of the fabric of our parish identity. Over the years, they have deepened many faith lives.

A small group focuses on prayer, discipleship, and spiritual growth in a communal setting. We have various types of small groups that focus on being a disciple, understanding the faith, or praying at a deeper level.

If you would like more information or would like to sign up, please contact the parish office.

## PRAYER AT HOME

St. Thomas Aquinas strives to provide ample opportunities for your child to grow along their faith journey. However, these opportunities are only complimentary to the influence and ministry a child receives at home. Parents & grandparents are a child's greatest influence, and their primary catechists.

Praying as a family at home is one of the most fundamental ways to help nurture a young spirituality, and give a child a great foundation for their faith journey.

## 2018-2019 St. Thomas Aquinas Faith Formation Calendar

### First Reconciliation Preparation

WED Sept. 26, 6:05-6:55pm - Parent Only

WED Oct. 17, 2pm-7:30pm (allow 1 1/2 hours)--Learning Stations

THUR Nov. 8, 6:00-7:30pm--Meet w/Priest, Tour Reconciliation Room, Final Prep

### First Reconciliation Celebration

SAT Nov. 10 9:00am-11am @ St. Thomas Aquinas

### First Communion Preparation

WED Feb. 20, 6:05-6:55pm - Parent Only

WED Apr 10, 2pm-7:30pm (allow 1 1/2 hours)--Learning Stations

SAT May 18, 9-11am (includes rehearsal & celebration)

### First Communion Celebration

SUN May 19, 10:30am Mass

### Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Preparation is a two year process starting in 9th grade.

If you did not receive this information and have a 9th or 10th grader interested in Confirmation Preparation please contact Anna Kaminski amescatholicym@gmail.com/515-232-3514.

### Confirmation Celebration

SUN April 28 2:00pm @ St. Cecilia

### Procedure if Child(ren) Will Be Absent:

For safety purposes, parents are asked to notify the Faith Formation office if their child(ren) will not be attending a session:

**CALL 515-292-3810, ext. 130**

If the Voicemail Attendant answers the phone, immediately punch in 130 and the call will be transferred to the Faith Formation Office. -please leave a voicemail with the child(ren)'s name & grade.

Parents may also notify us by e-mailing Jen@STAParish.net or their child's catechist.

### Catechist Inservice/Meetings

The greatest gift a catechist can give a student is to deepen their own faith. The love of God naturally overflows out of someone who is filled with Christ. Therefore catechist formation is a top priority for our faith formation programs.

Thus, we ask that catechists attend the in-services listed below, and continually deepen their relationship with Christ through ongoing prayer, and knowledge of Church teaching through regular study.

WED Sept. 12 6:00-7:30pm PreK - 8th Grade Catechist Inservice

WED Oct. 17 6:00-7:00pm Generation Z with Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale

WED Feb. 6 6:00-7:00pm TBD

### Faith Formation Commission Meetings

Normally the third Monday of each Month, 7-8pm

**All are welcome to attend the meetings. We would love to have you!**

*"Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God."*



Catechism of the Catholic Church  
Paragraph 2226