

## Calendar- Faith Formation Classes for the 2018-19 School Year





Religious education classes are required for all children/youth currently not attending Catholic Schools:

- Grades PreK (age 4) through 5
- Junior and Senior High Youth Groups (Grades 6-12)

**Day/Time/Location:** Monday evenings, 6:15-7:45 pm, at St. James School



= family gatherings at St. James Church Hall, Monday evenings, 6:15-7:45pm (Family Gatherings are 10/15; 12/17; 2/25 and 4/29).

| Month          | Class/Family Gathering Dates  | <p><b>Special note: Our <i>four (4)</i> family gatherings are an integral part of the Religious Education process. It involves families enrolled in the Monday Evening Classes and Summer Session. It is an opportunity for all families to gather for a meal and to participate in intergenerational catechesis. Your family's attendance at <b>all four</b> family gatherings is critical as it is applied towards your child's 30-hours of required catechesis set by the diocese for children in grades K-12. Our faith formation programs here only exist to supplement your child's faith development at home. Parents, when you model our faith at home, bring your children to Mass weekly, enroll them in a religious education program and prepare them to receive the sacraments, you are, what is known as, "the Domestic Church," and continue to be the most important educators of our faith. Thank you for all you do to "hand on our faith." We are blessed to walk with you on this journey!</b></p> |
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| September 2018 | 9/10, 9/24  |  |
| October        | 10/1,  10/15 and 10/29 |  |
| November       | 11/5, 11/26   |  |
| December       | 12/3,  12/17         |  |
| January 2019   | 1/7, 1/28   |  |
| February       | 2/4,  2/25           |  |
| March          | 3/11, 3/25  |  |
| April          | 4/8,  4/29           |  |
| May            | 5/6   |  |

## Sacramental Preparation Class Schedule for Children Preparing to Receive First Penance and First Holy Communion

| Month          | Class Dates   | <p><b><u>In addition to attending faith formation classes,</u></b> children preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion (preparation usually begins in second grade) must also attend sacramental preparation classes. <i>Please note: children must first receive the Sacrament of Penance before he or she can receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Therefore, we offer preparation for the Sacrament of First Penance in the fall, and preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the spring.</i></p> |
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| September 2018 | Sat., 9/29: 9am-10am<br><b>First Penance</b> Parent and Youth Informational Meeting<br>St. James Church Hall  |  |
| October        | No Meetings   |  |
| November       | Sat., 11/10: 9am-10am<br><b>First Penance</b> Youth-Only Workshop<br>St. James School Youth Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> Flr.)   |  |
| December       | Sat., 12/1: 9am-10am<br><b>First Penance</b> Family Rehearsal<br>St. Ambrose Church<br><br>Sat., 12/8: 10am<br>Celebration of <b>First Penance</b><br>St. Ambrose Church            |  |
| January 2019   | Sat., 1/26: 9am-10am<br><b>First Communion</b> Parent-Youth Informational Meeting<br>St. James Church Hall  |  |
| February       | <b>First Communion</b> Rites of Blessing:<br>Sat., 2/9, 4:30pm: St. James Church<br>Sun., 2/10: 9:45am, St. Ambrose Church<br>Sun., 2/17: 9am, St. John the Evangelist Church       |  |
| March          | Sat., 3/9: 9am-10am<br><b>First Communion</b> Youth-Only Workshop<br>St. James School Youth Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> Flr.)   |  |
| April          | Sat., 4/13: 9am-10am<br><b>First Communion</b> Family Workshop<br>St. James Church Hall<br><br>Sat., 4/27: 11am-Noon<br><b>First Communion</b> Family Rehearsal<br>St. James Church |  |
| May            | Sat., 5/11: 10am<br><b>First Communion</b> Celebration<br>St. James Church  |  |