



# Faith Formation 23-24

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



# Opening Prayer



## Prayer to the Holy Family

O Jesus, look graciously upon our family here before You. Once more we offer ourselves to You—our trials and joys—that our Church and homes may ever be the shrine of peace, purity, love, and faith. Protect and bless all of us, both absent and present, and be merciful to those departed.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young, and their vocations.

O Joseph, holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Be present at the pillow of the sick and dying so that we may all be united to Jesus and Mary and you for all eternity. Amen.





# Agenda



## Introductions

Get to know your Parish Staff!



## Religious Education

Learn about PK-5 Formation Programs



## Youth Ministry

Learn about 6-12 Faith Formation Programs



## Sacramental Preparation

Learn about the processes to receiving Sacraments.



## Parent's Roles

Learn how to stay informed and involved and where to get help when you need it.



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**Introductions**



# Meet Your Parish Staff



**Mary**

Director of Religious Education

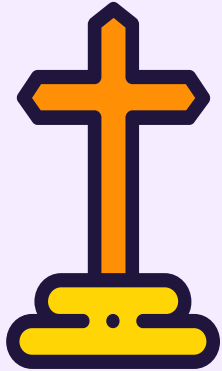
**Austin Evans**

Youth Minister





# Catechists, Aides, & Volunteers



- In addition to your parish staff, we have over 60 volunteers who serve as Catechists, Aides, and Hall Monitors. Without their generous gifts of their talents and time, this would not be possible.
- If you are signed up to volunteer in a Faith Formation Program this year can you please stand up?
- Let's give these people our gratitude with a round of applause.

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**Religious  
Education**



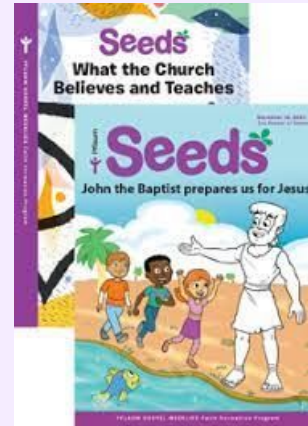


# Children's Church



## Important Info

- Preschool and Kindergarten
  - Ages 3-5
- Pick-Up Name Tags in the Hallway before Mass
- Classes *during* the 10 am and 1 pm Masses
- Children will be invited up before the Readings and will return shortly after Communion
- They will be in the Basement Classrooms
- Curriculum: SEEDS
  - Kid Friendly Activities
  - Based on the Weekly Readings





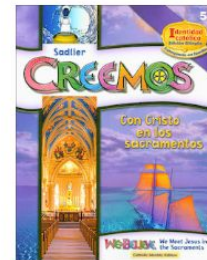
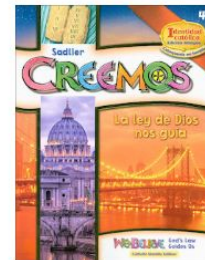
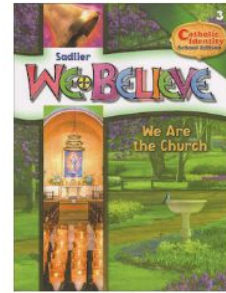
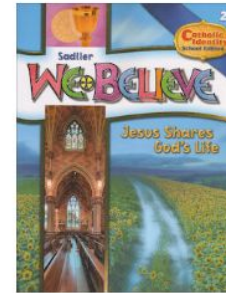
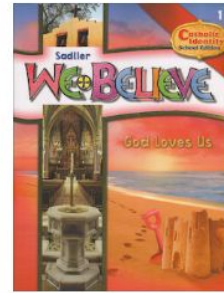


# Religious Education



## Important Info

- Elementary Grades (1st - 5th)
- Classes 11:30-12:40
- Classes will meet in the Basement Classrooms & Johnston Hall Classrooms
- Please walk your child into class and pick them up on time; Parent or guardian sign-in/out is required.
- Snacks will be provided
  - Please let us know of allergies
  - Consider donating peanut-free snacks
- Curriculum: Sadlier- We Believe / Creemos
- Attendance
  - Attend 75% of Class Required
  - Only Miss 6 Classes to count as completed
- Homeschool Packets Available Starting September 21
  - Please pick them up by September 24th
  - Completed Work & Tests Due May 5th





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Youth Ministry



# Middle School (EDGE)



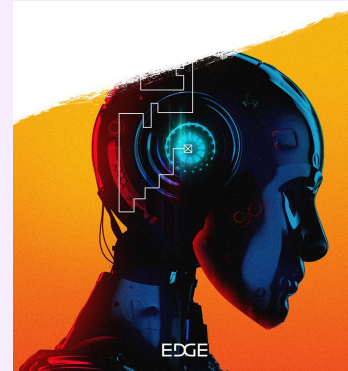
## Important Info

- Middle School (Grades 6-8)
- Classes Sundays 11:30-12:45
- @ Holy Family Center
- Curriculum: EDGE
  - A mix of Fellowship & Formation
  - Fun Large Group Activities
  - Testimonies & Talks
  - Flexible Groups for Discussion
  - Prayer Experiences
- Arrival & Departure
  - Your responsibility- We'll supervise
  - Please be cautious and aware



## Wires & Robotics

Questions about the Human Person



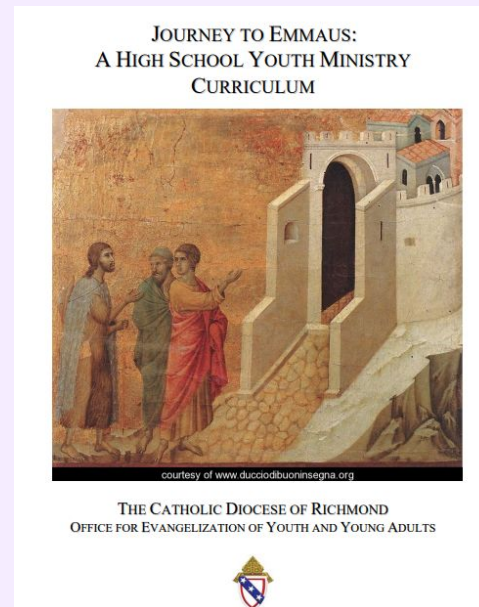


# High School Youth Group



## Important Info

- High School (Grades 9-12)
- Classes every other Thursday 7:00-8:30pm
- @ Holy Family Center
- Curriculum: Journey to Emmaus
  - Flexible Diocesan Curriculum
  - **EMPHASIS on Small Groups**
  - Prayer & Worship
  - Large group competitions, activities, testimonies, and talks.
- Arrival & Departure
- Attendance - Can only miss 3 classes
- More opportunities for social & service events will be offered throughout the year.



Jesus: True Man and True God

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# Sacramental Preparation





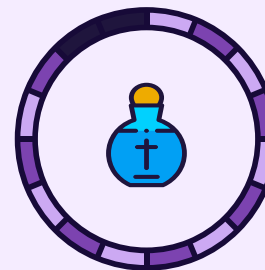
# Sacramental Prep Programs



**1st Communion**



**CHICCA**



**Confirmation**

- All Sacramental Prep Programs are in *CONJUNCTION* with Faith Formation - *BOTH/AND!*
- There is a separate parent meeting for all those with kids enrolled in these programs.
- There is an additional \$40 fee to cover books and supplies for these programs which will be collected at the parent meetings for the sacrament program.
  - If you have multiple children in one class sharing a book - \$50



# 1st Communion



## Requirements

- Have received Baptism.
- Be at least 7 years old.
- Be enrolled & attend in Faith Formation
- Attend 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion Classes

## Important Information

- **Parent Meeting- December 17th**
- Curricula:
  - Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace
  - Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise
- **Classes: Monday Evenings @ Johnston Hall**
  - Starting January
  - 4 Classes Rec & 4 Classes Communion
- **1st Reconciliations:**
  - March 2nd, 2024
- **1st Communion Mass**
  - May 11, 2024





# CHICCA



## Requirements

- Be at least 7 years old.
- Not Baptized
- Be enrolled & attend in Faith Formation Program for **2 years**.
- Attend CHICCA Classes
- Attend Scrutiny Masses & Easter Vigil



## Important Information

- **Parent/Student Meeting- October 24th**
- **Classes: Tuesday Evenings- 6:30-7:45pm**  
In Church basement
- **Mandatory Masses:**
  - December 9th, 2023 - Rite of Acceptance
  - February 17th, 2024 - Rite of Election
  - March 2, 2024 - Scrutiny #1
  - March 10, 2024 - Scrutiny #2
  - March 17, 2024 - Scrutiny #3
- **Sacraments Received at Easter Vigil Mass**
  - **Saturday, March 30th 2024**





# Confirmation



## Requirements

- Have received Baptism and First Communion (or be enrolled in First Communion classes at the same time)
- Be **15 years old by Jan. 1st, 2024**
- Be enrolled & attend in this year's Faith Formation Program (i.e. HS Youth Group)
- Attend Confirmation Classes
- Attend Confirmation Retreat
- Choose a Sponsor
- Complete 5 Hours of Service
- Interview w/ Pastor (Fr. Silvio)



## Important Information

- **Parent/Student Meeting- Oct. 1st**
- Curriculum: Decision Point- Matthew Kelly
- Classes: Sundays 2:30-3:45 @ HFC
- **Confirmation Retreat @ BSCC- Nov 3rd**
- Interviews January - March
- **Confirmation Mass - TBD**
  - Based of Bishop's Schedule
  - Will know official date Early January



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**A Parent's Role:  
Staying Informed &  
Involved**



# Living the Example



CCC 2223: ***Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children.*** They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. the home is well suited for education in the virtues... Parents should teach their children to subordinate the "material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones."<sup>31</sup> Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children...

- Come to Mass
- Pray as a family
- Help out at events when you are able
- Continue to renew your mind through the Faith Formation
- Share life with your children at home.

CCC 2221: ***"The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute."***<sup>29</sup>





# Stay Informed - Flocknote




We are going to be staying in touch with Flocknote this year. This tool allows us to mass text and email about important news and updates throughout the year.

YOU CAN SIGN-UP RIGHT NOW IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY !

- On your phone go to BSCCVA.ORG
- Scroll down to the Flocknote section
- Type your name, phone number, and email address
- Tap Sign Me Up

\* A note about inclement weather. If HCPS schools cancel that day, we will not have classes. If unfavorable weather prohibits gathering on a Sunday, Father will make a call and the announcement will go out on Flocknote and Social Media.



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 flocknote

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Mobile Phone

A new way of communication for our parishioners to stay informed on COVID-19 impacts, events, Religious Education programs and ministries.

Don't miss out! Sign up now!

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# Church Website



WWW. BSCCVA.ORG/FAITHFORMATION

- Info on Upcoming Events
- Calendars
- Important Documents
- VIRTUS Training
- Adult Faith Formation Resources
  - FORMED





# Thanks!



**Do you have any questions?**



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