

# St Anthony of Padua Parish

## Family Faith Formation - Overview

### Family Faith Formation includes:

1. Most importantly – Attendance at mass together as a family on a regular basis
2. Participation by the family in monthly sessions
3. Following through with quick take-home assignments to continue the lessons
4. Developing a habit of family prayer

### GOALS:

- To enable parents to keep their baptismal promises and fulfill their role as primary teachers of faith
- To help families see religious education as a life long journey, not a class or program
- To establish the important link between ‘real life’ and Faith Formation
- To form a partnership with parents
- To connect Mass Celebration and Catechesis
  1. Celebrating Mass
  2. Children’s Liturgy
  3. Attending Family Catechesis
  4. Follow-up discussions and short assignments at home

### POSITIVE OUTCOMES:

- Church and parents working together
- Growing in our understanding of God and the church
- Quality family time (#1 need expressed by families); togetherness and living the faith day to day
- Fewer risk management and disciplinary issues
- More parish involvement

### CHALLENGES:

- New program will take time to refine
- Three weeks between sessions
- Higher level of commitment from parents

If you participate in our new program, you and your children will grow in knowledge of their faith, relationship with God, and relationship with their faith community, the church. Our desire is to form a partnership with you, the parents and support you in the awesome mission as primary educators of your children in matters of faith and life.

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Pre-K/Kindergarten.....4:00 – 5:30 pm Sunday afternoon only, at Church Hall  
Grades 1 through 5.....4:00 – 5:30 pm Sunday afternoon/Week night TBD at Church Hall  
Junior High School.....4:00 – 5:30 pm Sunday afternoon only, at Parish Center  
High School.....TBD