



OVERVIEW of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION



FAITH FORMATION (Grades K-5) provides the Catholic education that is required to understand the Sacraments of Initiation, (Baptism, Communion and Confirmation), as well as the Sacrament of Penance. A regional Faith Formation program has been instituted for the 2018-2019 school year. The region is comprised of the parishes of Christ the King, Our Lady Queen of Peace, St. Gertrude and St. James the Greater Parishes. During the 2018-2019 school year, children in grades K-5 will meet twice a month on Sunday from 6:00-7:30 PM at St. James Parish Center (the former St. James school). Occasionally, Faith Formation events may be held on an "off" Sunday or another day of the week.



EDGE
Catholic Middle School Ministry

EDGE (Grades 6-8): is a dynamic faith formation program open to teens in middle school. The EDGE curriculum uses different forms of media and instruction to teach teens the importance of their Catholic faith during their middle school years. EDGE meets every Sunday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. James Parish Center, (former St. James School), in Apollo. Additional activities may be added throughout the year. A youth-directed Mass is scheduled the fourth Sunday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at St. James Church, followed by an after Mass party. Anyone may attend.



LIFETEEN (Grades 9-12): is a program that brings life to Scripture, the Catechism, and to the Roman Catholic Church for teens in high school. Different from a classroom environment, LIFETEEN brings the faith of the teenager to life by letting them truly experience Jesus Christ in the Church and in their own lives. LIFETEEN meets every Sunday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. James Parish Center, (former St. James School), in Apollo. A youth-directed Mass is scheduled the fourth Sunday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at St. James Church, followed by an after Mass party. Anyone may attend.

For information on any of the above programs, please contact **Katie Tylinski, Regional Director of Faith Formation**, at ktylinski@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



Christian Formation Process

ADULT FORMATION (RCIA): Are you from another faith tradition or unbaptized and feel drawn to the Catholic way of life? Are you married to a Catholic and thought about becoming Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic who has not yet been confirmed and/or received your first communion? Are you Catholic and interested in learning more about your faith? If any of these are true, then the RCIA is for you. The RCIA session schedule allows for flexibility. After an initial inquiry period, participants normally gather on a weekly basis. **For additional information about the RCIA, contact Jim Peterman at jpeterman@dioceseofgreensburg.org.**



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Occasionally during the summer, adults of the parish gather to reflect on Scripture or discuss books and/or other reading material whose topics are spiritual in nature. The Adult Bible Study group usually meet for a couple hours once a week. Watch the bulletin or call the parish office for information.