Still Hiring: Faith Formation

Holy Cross is still seeking a new Director of Faith Formation. Contact the office to apply, or if you are interested in helping during the transition. We are planning to maintain the same class, Family Session, and sacrament prep structure. Thank you!

Contact Faith Formation

Call/text: (907) 306-9363*
Email: formation@holycrossalaska.net

VBS SUMMER 2023

Vacation Bible School: Save the Date

When do YOU think we should have VBS this summer? Help us decide! Scan the QR code & share your date/time preferences. Then, join a come-and-see meeting next Sunday, April 16 after the 11am Mass to help us finalize details.

Theme: "Stellar: Shine Jesus's Light," for students entering grades K-6.

Is this a sacrament year?

Baptism: any age (contact the office (349-8388) to schedule a baptism.)

First Communion: 2nd grade and older

Confirmation: 8th grade and older

Students in 2nd and 8th grade will automatically be enrolled in sacraments. If your older child has not yet received a sacrament, contact Anna.

The **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults** (OCIA) prepares adults to receive sacraments, separate from Sunday classes.

FAITH FORMATION

FALL '23: REGISTER NOW!

Date, Time, Location

Sundays at Holy Cross, from **9:15am-10:45am**.

Ages & Grades

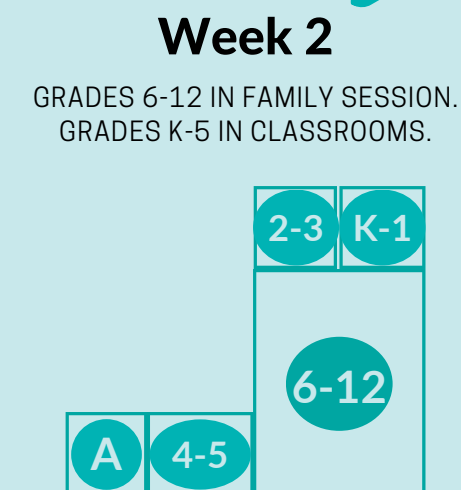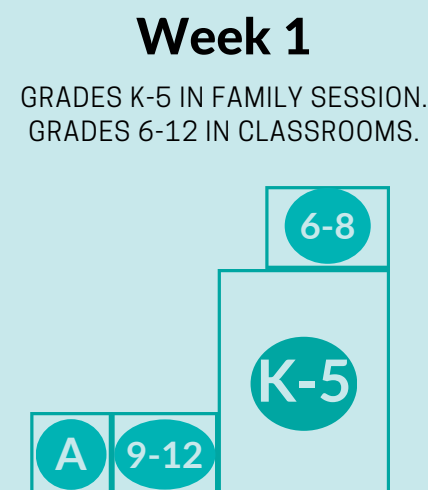Classes available for K-12 students and adults.

We follow Anchorage School District's guidelines to calculate school grades. Example: to enroll in kindergarten, for your child must be age 5 by Sept. 1.

Classrooms & Family Sessions

Classrooms: Every other week, students learn in a classroom with their peers.

Family Sessions: On alternate weeks, parents and students attend large-group Family Session together (if parents are unavailable, students attend with another relative or family friend).

For example:

Fees

- 1 child: $75
- 2 children: $115
- 3+ children: $150

Sacramental material fees:* (retreats and supplies)
- First Communion (2nd+): $65/child
- Confirmation Retreat (8th+): $125/teen

*No one is turned away due to financial hardship! Contact us for financial aid.

Week 1

GRADES K-5 IN FAMILY SESSION. GRADES 6-12 IN CLASSROOMS.

6-8

K-5

A   9-12

Week 2

GRADES 6-12 IN FAMILY SESSION. GRADES K-5 IN CLASSROOMS.

2-3   K-1

6-12

A   4-5

Weekdays

Confirmation class meets once a week from Sept - Apr (except during holidays & breaks).

First Reconciliation & First Communion class meet for 6 sessions immediately preceding each sacrament.

Weekday schedules are chosen in August, based on participating families' availability.

Learn more: holycrossalaska.net/formation
Register ONLINE: holycrossalaska.net/register

Paper registration forms are available upon request.

Early Bird Discount: Register or re-register during class or online by May 7, 2023 for $10 off!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

DID YOU KNOW? There are over **80 volunteer roles** available for Faith Formation! By providing a meal or helping teach/chaperone, you are making a difference in our young peoples' lives. Thank you!

Volunteer Role	Day	Duration	Description
Co-Teachers (K-12) 12 teachers	Sunday	2x / month	Co-lead a classroom session using the provided curriculum
Family Session volunteer 4 volunteers per session	Weekday (TBA)	2x / month or weekly	Facilitate breakout stations, large group activities, and setup/cleanup
First Communion Preparation 2 volunteers	Weekday (TBA)	6x / semester	Prepare students to receive the sacraments during special sessions
Confirmation Preparation 2 volunteers	Weekday (TBA)	Weekly	Prepare students to receive the sacraments during special sessions
Retreat chaperone 8 volunteers needed	See calendar	1x / year	Overnight or day chaperone for one of 3 sacrament prep retreats
Food Crew 30 volunteers for Sundays + 25 for Confirmation meals	Sunday or Weekday	Once	Provide breakfast snacks (Sunday) or a meal for Confirmation (weekday)

AUGUST 2023

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Classes begin 8/20

SEPTEMBER

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9/3 Labor Day

Sacrament prep begins in Sept (dates TBA)

OCTOBER

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10/29 All Saints Party (K-12 in Fam Session)

NOVEMBER

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11/1 Holy Day

11/23 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

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12/17 Christmas Party (K-12 in Fam Session)

12/25 Christmas

JANUARY 2024

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1/14 Class resumes

FEBRUARY

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2/14: Ash Wednesday

MARCH

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3/10-17 Spring Break (no class)

3/24 Palm Sunday

APRIL

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3/31 Easter Sunday (no class)

MAY

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5/5 Last Day of Class

5/19 Parish Picnic

FAITH FORMATION COLOR CODE

- K-5 in Family Session, Grades 6-12 in Classrooms.
- Grades 6-12 in Family Session, K-5 in Classrooms.
- Special Event.
- No class this weekend.

Instead of attending Family Sessions, **high school students** who have already been Confirmed may opt to co-teach in a classroom or volunteer in another capacity.

A Note About Sacrament Prep

Confirmation and First Reconciliation / First Communion class schedules are chosen in August, based on participating families' availability. This is a DRAFT of the calendar!