

How to Register for CFF

The CFF Office relies heavily on its data system to create class lists, mailing labels, attendance sheets and permanent records. This same data system creates group emails which keeps families updated with the latest reminders and weather cancellations. **Whether you are a family completing your enclosed re-registration form or a family new to CFF completing the 'new Families' form (downloaded from the CFF Home page at www.saintanthonyparish.org) please remember to ...**

- **Print information clearly and complete ALL sections**
- Choose a session time that allows you to be a part of CFF Family activities and prayer services. Your presence says a lot to your child about how you value your faith.
- Include the email most accessible to parents during daytime hours on the "Family Email" line. Cancellations due to inclement weather will be sent via this email address only.
- Provide an emergency contact other than parents for back up
- Update any special needs your child might have.
- Consider volunteering. Fulltime volunteers over 18 yrs. receive full tuition credit for their families.
- **Class assignments are on a first come basis with priority given to our CFF Volunteers' families.** Because families often switch sessions some classes fill to capacity quickly. Register ASAP.
- Assisting you with your child's religious education is our highest priority. Financial difficulties should not prevent your early registration. Simply alert the CFF Office to your financial circumstances.

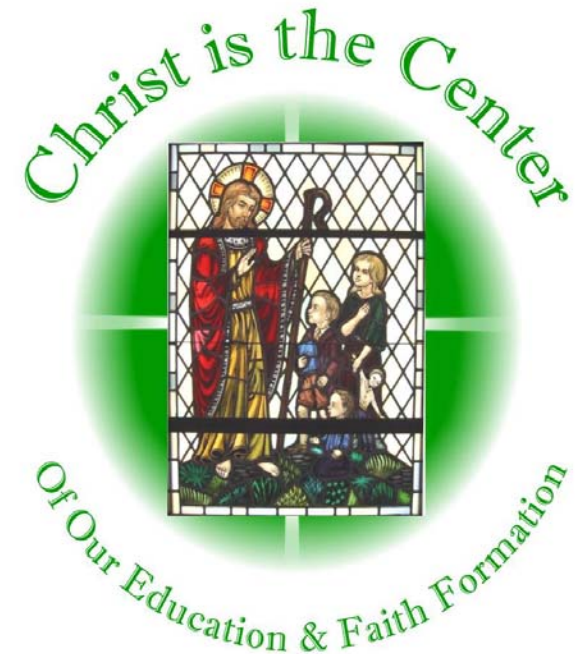


St. Anthony of Padua Parish Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of Saint Anthony of Padua parish, believe that here the merciful heart of Christ speaks a loving word to our hearts, forging a communion of love. It is this grace which draws us to gather on the Lord's Day for Eucharist, proclaim his Good News and give ourselves in service to those in need.

We commit ourselves to share our faith in the Lord Jesus with all we meet and to hand on our Catholic faith to the next generation. In the spirit of St. Anthony, we welcome any who have lost their way in life so that together we may hear Christ speak to our hearts.

St. Anthony of Padua Children's Faith Formation Programs



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St. Anthony's
Children's Faith Formation Program
is exceptional because your financial
support enables us to provide...

An Education Center...

- with well equipped classrooms, multipurpose room, workroom, storage space
- powered with electric for lights, heat, phone, copiers, TVs, DVD and CD players
- with access to computers with internet hookup and projectors for large groups

A CFF Office...

- lined with resource books, videos, CDs, bulletin board visuals, review games, craft items, and props for various events
- supplied with general office supplies like paper, labels, stamps and envelopes for mailings, binders, files, printers, etc.
- with statues, prayer cloths, crosses, candles, show and tell vestments and vessels
- complete with laptop for portability, database programs and software

Seven classroom closets...

- with take home folders, textbooks, catechist manuals, bibles and catechisms
- with 3 bins-one for each session- with pencils, crayons, paper, glue, scissors, etc.
- with shelves that hold supplies for special activity days like Passport to the Holy Land

60+ Volunteers...

- who must complete 2 background checks and attend Protecting God's Children Training
- who must attend workshops, seminars and forums to deepen their own understanding of their catholic faith all subsidized by the program

Resources...

- children's textbooks designed with the latest educational insights to appeal to all our children's learning styles
- Catechist's manuals that enable everyone to share a lesson that is appropriate to each grade level
- Binders, folders and handbooks that communicate key concepts, calendars and events

CFF Program Overview for 2007-2008

Curriculum

K thru Grade 5: *Faith First Legacy* by Resources for Christian Living (www.faithfirst.com)
Confirmation: *Confirmation* by RCL

Session Choices

Tuesdays 4:15-5:45 PM
Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 PM
Wednesdays 4:15-5:45 PM

Special Features back by popular demand

Passport to the Holy Land
Kingdom Film Fest
Buddy Activities
Special Activity Days
Christmas 'Tableau'



Stations of the Cross and
Reconciliation in Church
Social Action Projects
Church Tour

Confirmation and First
Communion Retreat
Spirit Team Retreat
Parish Family Activities



New Features being considered

- Growing in Faith adult opportunities
- Streamlined method of distributing handouts and reminders

CFF Theme for 2007-2008:

This year we will build upon the national catechetical theme by "Encountering the Living Christ" through story and ritual as we learn about the Bible and celebrate prayer rituals. We will also echo the Archdiocesan Bi-Centennial themes of Vocation, Reconciliation, and Eucharist.

Volunteer Opportunities

Please consider being a part of
this wonderful ministry.

Catechists-The catechist is the 'classroom teacher'. He or she is responsible for developing weekly lesson plans which are based on Archdiocesan guidelines and supported by excellent Faith First manuals and program resources. The program director handles all the groundwork by calendaring the session with a particular chapter and highlighting the key themes which are then presented to each catechist in an easy to follow binder. 'How to' meetings, workshops and courses are also available. Catechists are supported by the presence of an assistant and can expect a class size of approximately 15 children.

Assistants-The assistant supports the catechist in the class room by completing administrative duties like attendance and homework as well as actively participating in group discussion, activities or projects. An active and involved assistant is invaluable to the catechist and the children.

Office Assistants-Office assistants handle attendance, office paperwork, closing announcements and dismissal. Office assistants free the program director to interact with the children during liturgical experiences and special activities.

Teen Aides (Gr. 7 and older)

Teen aides are a wonderful addition to the CFF Program. Not only do they often assume assistant roles but they also provide excellent role models for the children. They also provide invaluable one-on-one help.

