

Families Growing in Faith (FGF)

Monthly Sessions *with the whole family!*

One Friday evening a month from 5:30-8:00 p.m. for 8 sessions, starting with a group dinner.

We are our children's first teachers, and their most influential. With this in mind, "Families Growing in Faith," or "FGF," offers a parent-led faith formation program for families with children in grades 1-8.

The FGF program is a way of involving families in their children's faith formation. John Roberto, founder of the Center for Ministry Development, developed the concept, to help families of all generations deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith together, which in turn builds a stronger church community. Along with the other faith formation programs at St. Paul, we follow the curriculum standards set forth by the Archdiocese.

Our program is designed around a three-year rotation: **the Catholic Church calendar, the Sacraments, and Peace and Justice**. While the themes do cycle, children will absorb different information at different ages. The lessons are developed for children in grades 1-5 with material presented in a variety of ways including art, plays, and hands-on activities. During the eight sessions this year, students in grades 6-8 will meet as an independent group. Our program also includes a home-schooling approach. We will make available workbooks for at-home work during the weeks between meetings. The materials will provide families opportunities to deepen their faith growth in their daily lives, which is the goal of this program.

FGF is a cooperative program because it is parent-led. Each month a small group of parents will plan and run a session. Working with other parents is a great way to get to know other parishioners, and the children see your commitment to your faith and their faith formation.

FGF Dates and Topics for 2018-2019

August 12	Religious Education Open House
September 14	Baptism
October 12	Reconciliation
November 9	Communion
December 14	Confirmation
January 11	Anointing of Sick
February 8	Marriage
March 22	Holy Orders
April 12	Year Review