



FAITH FOR LIFE - Registration 2017-2018

Faith for Life—creating a welcoming process of lifelong learning and formation in the Catholic faith for families, children, and adults at St. Joseph’s Church.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Faith for Life family registration process for the 2017-2018 school year. This year we continue to bring children together with their parents to learn together. Growing together as families of faith is of the highest importance to the Catholic Church and here at St. Joseph’s. We will support you in making faith a priority in your family life by collaborating with you in a variety of ways in the coming year:

- † Together—families, children, and adults—we **grow in knowledge** of Catholic teachings; Scripture, and the Christian way of life;
- † The **Sunday Mass** is the source and summit of our life in Christ;
- † **Moral formation** is at the heart of what we teach;
- † **Prayer** is an essential element of how we experience God;
- † Building **community** happens when we learn and share faith together;
- † We are a mission driven people, **called to serve** in our community and the world.

At St. Joseph’s we are committed to welcoming your family each and every Sunday and it is our mission to assist you in finding ways to fully and joyfully participate. Where do you start? Come to Church on Sunday each week.

*See you in Church!
Fr. James A. Schwartz, Pastor*

HOW TO REGISTER:

- Go to our website: www.sjcpenfield.com and click on the Faith for Life tab for online registration and complete:
 1. The online registration,
 2. Submit the fee payment electronically via a credit card or by mailing a check to the office. *Checks should be made out to St. Joseph’s Faith for Life.*
- Both steps must be completed for the enrollment to be processed.

- Paper registration forms are also available and can be done in person at the parish office which is open Mon. – Fri., 8:30AM-5PM
- Please contact the Pastoral Offices (586-8089) if you need any additional information

MATERIAL COST: \$50 per child

FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS FOR 2017-2018

All Faith for Life offerings provide opportunities for families to learn together. Parents are the best teachers of faith. Our mantra is that if we as adults are not learning and seeking God in our lives, how can we expect faith to take root in the hearts of our children?

The Diocese of Rochester requires that each Faith Formation offering provides 30 hours of catechetical instruction.

SCHOOL YEAR FAITH FORMATION, GRADES K-5

Wednesdays, 6:15 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

This is a classroom-style of Faith Formation for grades kindergarten through 5. Children meet on several Wednesdays each month from mid-September through early May. Family events to enrich the family's experience of learning in faith together are an integral part of this Faith Formation offering. This is a collaborative learning experience, and as parents are the first and best catechists of their children, you are invited to take a more active role with an enhanced family presence, activities for the home, and participation in monthly family sessions.

GATHERED FAMILY FAITH, GRADES K-5

All families are welcome to consider two options featuring the gathering of several families to learn together. In addition to the use of your family Bible, a Catholic Catechism and other resources will be made available for each family. *One format gathers "at St. Joseph's," the other gathers "in the home;" both are facilitated by parents in collaboration with Faith for Life staff.* Gathered Family Faith gathered at St. Joseph's will meet on Sunday afternoons following the 11AM mass. All families continue learning at home between gathered sessions with materials provided by St. Joseph's and attend parish-wide Family Events scheduled throughout the year..