

St. Lawrence the Martyr Faith Formation
Attendance Policy
Grades 7 & 8

St. Lawrence's Faith Formation Program provides classes for children in grades 7 & 8. In order to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, classes meet for 15 weeks, October – early April (see calendar) for two years to provide our parish children with knowledge of the Faith, Liturgy, and the Sacraments, while forming them in Jesus Christ and the life and mission of the Church.

In order to do this, consistent attendance on the part of the child is necessary. Our classes meet one hour in the St. Lawrence School Building. Parents/Guardians should make a concerted effort to get their child to class on-time as indicated on the calendar given to you at the Parent Meeting. Children are not permitted to arrive late or leave early on a regular basis. We ask that all families adhere to the following *Attendance Policy*:

- If a child can not be present for a class session, they must call the catechist or Faith Formation Office and give the reason for the absence. There may be opportunity for them to make-up the class on another day.
- We realize that circumstances may arise that prevent a child from being at a class session. **Please be aware that 3 absences will result in a phone call from the Faith Formation Office (there are no more than 15 class sessions each year so 3 absences would amount to 20% of the program) and a make-up lesson will be assigned. Since each grade level builds upon the previous one, if a child has excessive absences, he/she will be required to repeat the entire grade level.**
- If there is anything that the Faith Formation Office should know about a child and any circumstances that may prevent him/her from attending regularly, the family is asked to call the Faith Formation Office so that consideration may be given to the individual and their situation.

We want to make this a faith-filled and fruitful experience for each and every child in our program. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

