

Faith Formation 2025-2026 - GENERAL INFORMATION
For children attending Catholic Schools
Sacramental Preparation

First Reconciliation, First Communion (Grades 1 and 2) and Confirmation (Grades 8 and 9)

REGISTRATION:

- ❖ Each family must be a registered member of the Parish, the form can be found on the parish website stpiusxsy.com
- ❖ A Baptismal certificate must be on file in the Faith Formation Office for each child who was not baptized at St Pius X.
- ❖ If your child(ren) are no longer attending a Catholic School, please call the Faith Formation Office and register them for Faith Formation.
- ❖ As required by the Diocese of Fall River, all children in the Parish will prepare and celebrate First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation through the parish Faith Formation Program. Each Sacrament requires two years of preparation. They must be registered in the Faith Formation program for grades 1, 2, 8 and 9. They do not have to attend additional Faith Formation classes for grades 1, 2 or 8.
- ❖ We ask that you fill out the Family Registration, even if your child attends Catholic school, so that we may keep our records up to date. List **all** the children. If there is more than one last name in the family, please make it clear which name is the legal name of each child.
- ❖ **Grade 2 Students will be required to complete the Sacramental Preparation lessons for both First Reconciliation and First Communion. Materials will be provided at the parent meetings.**
- ❖ **Retreat Fees: There is a \$25.00 Retreat Fee for all Grade 2 students.**
- ❖ **Grade 9 students will** be attending classes as well as the Confirmation Retreat and are expected to pay the Registration fee of \$50.00 plus \$25.00 Retreat fee. **The first class, September 29th.**
- ❖ Children who are attending Catholic elementary school do not have to pay for Grade 1 or Grade 8, but they do need to be enrolled as part of the sacramental preparation program (white family card).

FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION

GRADE 1: The children who currently attend St. Pius X School are welcome to attend classes on Sunday, but this is not a requirement. However, we do require the white registration card.

PARENT MEETINGS: There are meetings each year for **First and Second Grade parents***. **These meetings are considered mandatory for all families.**

GRADE 2

PRAYERS: Children entering the second year of preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion are required to come to the Faith Formation Office to recite; the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be to the Father, and the Act of Contrition at the **beginning** of Second Grade. Call the Faith Formation Office for an appointment.

RETREATS: There are two Grade 2 mini retreats. These are planned to help the children focus on their personal preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

- **Reconciliation Retreat:** Saturday, November 22nd 9 – 11:30 AM
- **First Communion Retreat:** Saturday, March 21st 9 – 11:30 AM

CONFIRMATION:

The Diocese of Fall River requires two years of preparation for Confirmation. Here, at St. Pius X, Grade 8 is the first year and Confirmation is celebrated in Grade 9, although older High School students are often part of the class.

GRADE 8: There is a meeting for Eighth Grade **students and parents, on Tuesday, March 24th**. Eighth Grade students, who are currently enrolled in one of the Catholic schools, must register, attend this meeting with a parent.

GRADE 9: (Confirmation Candidates) All classes for Grade 9 will take place on Sundays. All those in the second year of preparation for Confirmation are expected to be at these classes, even if they are attending a Catholic High School. Please note very carefully the schedule of those classes. There are only 13 classes scheduled so each class is important. Mass is an integral part of the session. The Sunday evening Mass/Classes* will include the 5:00 Mass and continue to 7:30 P.M. in the Faith Formation Center. We hope that families would try to attend Mass and sit with their child in the section we have reserved. **The first class, September 29th**.

GENERAL NOTES

Please take special care in filling out the section under learning problems or disabilities. Please call the office if you would like to discuss or explain anything that will make your child more comfortable while they are here.

The Faith Formation Office is open Mon-Thur. from 10:00- 5:00 and during scheduled class times. Due to meetings and other projects, this is a flexible schedule, call or email before coming in. Please call if you have any questions regarding sacramental preparation.

Faith Formation is only possible with the support of more than 50 volunteers. Please consider how you can help.

If you have questions or would like any other information please call, 508-394-0709, or email, stpiusxreled@comcast.net

*** Please check Faith Formation Calendar for these dates.**