

ENCOUNTERING JESUS

Sacred Heart Church Youth Faith Formation

The pursuit of happiness isn't getting easier.

Drug overdoses, violence in schools, and toxic relationships. It's getting harder to parent when kids are exposed to so many bad influences.

It's also getting harder to be a kid. With so many voices in their lives, how are they supposed to choose the right path that will lead to true happiness?

Encountering Jesus is the key to happiness.

People can "grow up Catholic;" attend weekly mass, be an altar server, and receive their Sacraments, but never have a life-changing encounter with Jesus.

When people have an authentic encounter with Jesus, it sets them on a path to true happiness. Our mission at Sacred Heart is to build an environment where all can receive a personal encounter with Jesus.

Sacred Heart Faith Formation fosters an encounter with Jesus.

Guided by the Spirit, we aim to foster an encounter with Jesus in three ways:



In Study

We teach the Faith in age-appropriate and interactive lessons



In Service

We encounter Jesus in the face of the poor and the needs of our parish



In Prayer

We attend mass, pray before Jesus, and prepare for a holy reception of the Sacraments

How to register

To register your child for our upcoming program year. Complete a registration form and return it to our parish office with payment. Forms can be found in the back of the church or on our parish website, www.sacredhearttroy.com

A life without Jesus will never be truly happy, but those who encounter Christ discover a life of true freedom and happiness. Come and see for yourself.

Class Times and Location

All classes are held on Monday Evenings from 6:00-7:30 PM. Parents and guardians can drop off and pick up their children at the school cafeteria.

On service project days, drop-off and pick up may be at the service location. If this is the case, catechist will communicate this at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

Family Masses

Family masses will be the 8:30 AM mass on Sept 17, Oct 22, Nov 19, Feb 11, Mar 4, Apr 22, and May 20. Following family masses, there will be coffee and pastries, as well as games for the kids.

Children will be given the opportunity to participate in the mass through the presentation of the gifts and reading the prayers of the faithful.

Our Curriculum

Grades 1-6 uses the Faith and Life Series.

Grades 7 and 8 are taught as a combined class. The primary curriculum is the Theology of the Body for Teens, and the Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed study program.

Service Projects

At Sacred Heart, we aim to make our community our classroom. We've formed relationships with local agencies in the City of Troy, such as Joseph's House, that afford our students and families opportunities to encounter Jesus in the faces of those in need.

The older children get, the more we aim to incorporate service projects into their curriculum. By high school, the youth should be organizing and leading parish service projects.

Philosophy on Prayer

There is no greater prayer than the mass. An encounter with Jesus requires an intimate encounter with his Body and Blood. We introduce our children to prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, give a strong foundation of traditional Catholic prayers, and teach children to converse with Jesus as a loving Father, brother, and friend.

Our children cannot make it to mass by themselves. Please be with us--we need you.

Policy on Attendance

Parents are primarily responsible for forming their children in the Faith per their vows at Baptism.

Our attendance policy mirrors that of most schools. The goal is 100% attendance. If you have to miss a class, please let your child's teacher know before the day of class. If it starts to become a trend, we will connect with parents to discuss the best way forward. The goal is forming our children in the Faith.

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2017-18 Calendar

Sept 18	Parent Orientation: First Class
Sept 24	Parish Picnic
Sept 25	Class
Oct 2	Class
Oct 9	No Class
Oct 16	Class
Oct 23	Class
Oct 30	Class
Nov 6	Class
Nov 13	Class
Nov 20	Class
Nov 27	Class
Dec 2	Christmas Market
Dec 4	Class
Dec 11	Class
Dec 18	Class
Dec 25	No Class
Jan 1	No Class
Jan 8	Class
Jan 15	No Class
Jan 22	Class
Jan 29	Class
Feb 5	Class
Feb 12	Class
Feb 19	No Class
Feb 26	Class
Mar 5	Class
Mar 12	Class
Mar 19	Class
Mar 26	Class
Apr 2	No Class
Apr 9	Class
Apr 14	Spring Service Project
Apr 16	No Class
Apr 23	Class
Apr 30	Final Class