

FAQ's about our Faith Formation Program for the Fall, 2020:

When will the program begin? We will be beginning our program the week of October 19th to give you, our families time to adjust to the “new normal” of your children’s regular schooling. We don’t want to put unnecessary burden on our parish families.

What will the program look like for Gr. 1-8? We have been engaged in a great deal of reflection, planning, and consultation in order to decide what type of program might be best for our community. In considering many factors, we have decided to begin our program with remote learning with the intention to re-evaluate in December. The platform we will be utilizing is Google Meet/Classroom since that is the very platform that most of our school districts will be utilizing for anyone requiring remote learning and for those involved in their hybrid programs. The program will include face-to-face instruction/discussion of no more than ½ hour-40 min. per class session twice each month and assignments.

For grades 1-6, we will be utilizing the *Blest Are We* series through RCL/Benziger Publishers which has an online component called, FLOURISH. The textbook and other great resources are part of FLOURISH.

The curriculum for our **7th & 8th Graders** will be a combination of FLOURISH and video episodes from FORMED. If you do not have a FORMED account, we encourage you to register. It is *free* to all St. Lawrence parishioners as we have a parish subscription. Go to www.formed.org and follow the prompts. There will also be reflection workbooks for Level I & II Confirmation students which will require students to complete an activity such as attending Sunday Mass or watching Mass online, amongst other activities, and then reflect upon their experiences. These project workbooks will be available to download from our parish website in October. They are a required component to our Confirmation Program.

Will there be registration? Yes. When you receive your child(ren)’s registration packet, please complete it and mail it back to us promptly. In order for us to set-up the virtual program, we need to issue account information to each registered child for the FLOURISH portion of our program. Your child will access his/her textbook through FLOURISH, along with other resources. A child must be registered and participate in the Faith Formation Program this year in order to move on to the next level the following year.

Will my child(ren) be in the same class? Yes, as long as, **a)** your child’s catechist is returning, and **b)** you want them to remain in the same class. You will have an opportunity to indicate your preference on the registration form.

What if I have to register a First Grader? If you have a first grader, please contact us by e-mail at jrico@stlawrencesayville.org (be certain that Jean’s e-mail address is in the “TO” section of your e-mail. DO NOT just reply to this e-mail or we may not receive it) so that we can send you a complete first grade registration packet. Please also include your first grader on the registration forms you receive in the mail and take the tuition discount that comes with registering more than one student. We will also need your first grader’s Baptismal Certificate when you submit the first-grade packet.