

Summer Intensive Daily Schedule



GRADES 1 - 4

8:45-9:00 AM: Arrival and Check-In

Students arrive and should head to their assigned pew in the church to check-in with their catechist.

9:00-9:30 AM: Holy Mass

•Begin the day with a 30-minute Mass.

9:30-9:40 AM: Transition and Morning Prayer

•Move to classrooms and begin with a prayer to start the day.

9:40-10:20 AM: Lesson Block 1

10:20-10:30 AM: Break

Time for snacks and restroom use.

10:30-11:10 AM: Lesson Block 2

11:10-11:50 AM: Lunch

30-minute lunch break – Main Great Hall

11:50-12:20 PM: Recess

Outdoor play or structured physical activities.

12:20-1:00 PM: Lesson Block 3

1:00-1:40 PM: Activity Block

Arts and crafts, faith-based games, or small group activities related to the day's lesson.

1:40-2:10 PM: Chapel Time or Guided Prayer

Main Church, Adoration, rosary, or a reflection period.

2:10-2:50 PM: Lesson Block 4

2:50-3:00 PM: Closing Prayer and Dismissal

Grades 1-4 will be picked up outside the Great Hall Entrance.



GRADES 5 - 8

8:45-9:00 AM: Arrival and Check-In

Students arrive and should head to their assigned pew in the church to check-in with their catechist.

9:00-9:30 AM: Holy Mass

Begin the day with a 30-minute Mass.

9:30-9:40 AM: Transition and Morning Prayer

Move to classrooms and begin with a prayer to start the day.

9:40-10:30 AM: Lesson Block 1

10:30-10:40 AM: Brief Transition Break

10:40-11:30 AM: Lesson Block 2

11:30 AM-12:15 PM: Activity Block

Faith in Action

Service-oriented projects tied to Catholic Social Teaching, hands-on activities.

12:15-1:00 PM: Lunch

45-minute lunch break – Main Great Hall

1:00-1:45 PM: Lesson Block 3

1:45-2:15 PM: Chapel Time or Guided Prayer & Reflection

•Adoration, spiritual journal, communal rosary, or a reflection period.

•Will either take place in Main Church or Main Area of Great Hall.

2:15-2:50 PM: Lesson Block 4

2:50-3:00 PM: Closing Prayer and Dismissal

Grades 5-8 will be picked up outside the Main Church Entrance.

Color Code: **Orange:** Faith Formation, **Blue:** Spiritual Formation, **Green:** Human Formation

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New Philosophy and Structure of Child Faith Formation Programs

At Saint David the King, we firmly uphold the teaching of the Church that parents are the primary catechists in their child's life. Faith formation is not merely a program but an ongoing journey in Christ that begins in the home and extends throughout one's life. The Church teaches that parents have the God-given responsibility to raise their children in the faith:



"Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years... Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches all other forms of catechesis."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2226)

"Since parents have conferred life on their children, they have a most serious obligation to educate them. Hence, parents must be recognized as the primary and principal educators."

(Gravissimum Educationis, 3, Vatican II)

A Shift in Our Faith Formation Approach

Recognizing this parental role, our parish has transitioned to a **Summer Intensive with Family Catechesis model**. This shift is designed to support families in fulfilling their fundamental mission while ensuring children receive essential tools for faith formation. The reality of our world is that it will consistently attempt to draw children away from Christ and ultimately from heaven. Therefore, it is our responsibility, as a Church and as parents, to equip them with the understanding and strength to remain firm in their faith.

Our philosophy does not reduce faith formation to rote memorization of doctrine and Bible verses, nor does it prioritize emotional experiences of faith through acts of service alone. Rather, we emphasize the comprehensive development of the whole child in faith through Intellectual, Spiritual, and Human formation—essential pillars for discipleship. Our pastoral mission of service flows from being disciples, not merely from obligation or the pursuit of feeling good about doing good.



Faith Formation and the Sacraments

We are moving away from the notion of faith formation as a system of requirements or mandated attendance—except where diocesan sacramental readiness guidelines apply. Instead, we affirm that parents are responsible for their children's faith journey, and the role of the parish is to support them in this mission. When we stand before God, parents will be accountable for the choices they made regarding their child's spiritual welfare. This is a serious matter, and we urge parents to take both the practice and deepening of the faith seriously.



Faith formation at Saint David the King is centered on the love and mercy of God, revealed in His covenantal relationship with humanity, culminating in Christ. Through the Sacraments of Initiation, we are drawn into the divine life of God and given the grace to enter His Kingdom. Free will plays a crucial role in this journey. If a family does not prioritize the sacraments—especially the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith—then this program may not be the right fit. Attending Sunday Mass is not optional; it is a grave matter, and willful neglect of it can constitute mortal sin (CCC 2181). Faith formation at our parish will actively teach these essential truths.



A Call to Authentic Discipleship

Our mission is not simply to teach the faith, but to form disciples who will remain faithful to Christ in a world that seeks to undermine Him. As Saint Paul writes:



"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2, RSV)

We invite all families to embrace this vision of faith formation—one rooted in the teachings of the Church, supported by the parish, and ultimately entrusted to parents, who are the first and most essential teachers of their children.

As disciples of Christ, we are called to a lifelong commitment to faith formation, recognizing that our spiritual development does not end with receiving sacraments but continues as we strive to live in the image of Christ. Jesus Himself commanded His disciples:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20, RSV)

TWO OPTIONS

Summer Intensive Program



Our Summer Intensive Program for grades 1-8 will take place July 7-11 from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, beginning with Mass. This program will provide engaging catechesis, interactive activities, and a recess for younger students.

- Lunch: Students should bring a packed lunch each day.
- Cost: \$220 for one child, \$400 for two, and \$550 for three or more children.
- Children attending Catholic School are also welcome to sign up to foster deeper faith connections and reinforce what they learn in school.

Alternate Option for Families (Online Home Study)

For families unable to participate in the summer program or prefer home study, we are offering an online curriculum through CatechismClass.com.

This program is not the same as the home catechesis used in previous years, nor does it follow the curriculum used in the classroom. Instead, it is an interactive, intensive faith formation program designed to be completed in approximately 35-50 hours, depending on individual pacing.

Please note that this option is not a simpler way to fulfill faith formation requirements; it is a rigorous program that includes quizzes and other activities. Parents choosing the online option must register with Saint David the King to receive account access, which will be available starting Monday, July 7th.

Online Home Study Cost: \$100 per child, and \$300 for three or more children.

Year-Round Family Catechesis & Sacramental Preparation

ALL families are encouraged to participate in **Family Catechesis Events during the academic year** aligning with liturgical celebrations, regardless of whether you enroll in the Summer Intensive Program or the Online Alternative (note: families who have chosen to send their children to Catholic school are welcome to join.) Family Catechesis events are opportunities to foster community and provide families guidance on how to share your faith. These gatherings follow the pattern established by St. Philip Neri and will take place around a shared meal.

•Please note in addition to the Summer Intensive / Online Home Study students will be expected to attend three Sunday sessions to prior to the reception of the sacrament.

•Candidates for Confirmation will also be expected to complete required service hours and the retreat in addition to the three Sunday prep sessions.