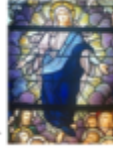




St. Mary and St. Patrick Faith Formation Program



May 2026

Dear St. Mary and St. Patrick Faith Formation Families,

Greetings in Our Lord. In preparing for this new Religious Education year, we look forward to journey with your families on our road of Faith called to know, love and serve the Lord and neighbor in hope of heaven. For the 2026-2027 school year, there will be some changes to our faith formation program as we welcome a partnership between our two parishes. Please read carefully to understand the structure of this new journey. There will be 2 session options for Faith Formation for the school year. For both sessions, there will be opportunities for parents and children to come together to learn during the Faith Formation journey, as well as times the children will meet in age level groups.

- Sunday Faith Formation Session – This choice will be hosted at St. Patrick Church and Montini Primary School. We will gather on Sundays from 10-11:15am with the understanding that families will also be attending 9am Mass.
- Wednesday Faith Formation Session – This choice will be hosted at St. Mary Church in the parish center. We will gather on Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm with the understanding that family will attend weekly Sunday Mass of their choice.

Registration forms for the 2026-27 school year will be available by May 15. You may complete your registration through paper forms or ONLINE by visiting the website at www.stpatrickmchenry.org/religious-education. Paper forms will be available on the website as well. Please complete all the information and submit to your parish office. The Sacramental Record form will only need to be completed for children new to our program. We are asking for registration by **August 21** so that we can make plans for the program. Any late registrations incur an additional fee of \$10 per child, as we may need to make additional orders of books and supplies.

Payment is not necessary at this time. Fees will be the same for both sessions, as both sessions require books and supplies to make class possible. If you are able to pay at this time, we will accept payment. Checks or cash can be mailed to the parish office or you can make credit card payment online at Give Central - St. Mary's: <https://www.givecentral.org/otp/46620> or St. Patrick's: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/355/event/7842>. If you are unable to pay at this time, we will follow up for payment later. If you are facing hardship and anticipate difficulty in arranging for the registration fee, please contact your Religious Education Office by August 1. There are scholarship funds available for those that are in need. We want your children to be with us; we will work out the financials later. No family will be denied religious education due to inability to pay.

Please remember that signing your child up for Faith Formation classes is not just another activity in their life. You are signing them up for religious formation, and it should take priority over other activities. Missing multiple classes or sessions, starting late or leaving early is difficult for the entire learning community. Please contact the Religious Education office if you think the schedule will be a problem, so we can brainstorm a solution together. Thank you for all your efforts in making faith development a priority in your household.

At this time, we are still working on a tentative schedule for next year. We will contact you that as soon as we can; anticipate receiving this by the end of July. Family Orientation meetings will be on Wednesday, September 16 at 6pm for the Wednesday Session at St. Mary's or on Sunday, September 24 at 10am for the Sunday Session at St. Patrick's.

We are currently discerning the Sacramental Preparation classes for those seeking First Reconciliation/First Eucharist and Confirmation. Registration forms for these classes will be sent to you later in the year. Please note that these classes require a separate fee. That fee is not due at this time. A reminder to all 1st grade and 7th grade families,

our Sacramental preparation programs require two years of preparation prior to reception of the sacrament. If you would like your child to celebrate with their age level classmates, they must be enrolled in classes when they are in 1st or 7th grades. If they do not attend that year of classes, their reception of the sacrament may be delayed.

If you are interested in volunteering please let your Religious Education Office know. Volunteers, as teachers, aides and facilitators, can benefit from participating in faithful education opportunities, growing through teaching the children, and receiving reduced tuition for faith formation. It is a wonderful way to serve our parishes, and we have always enjoyed being part of the comradery of this ministry within our Church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either the RE office. No prior experience is necessary – training is provided.

St. Mary – 815-385-0024 or faithformation@stmarymchenryil.org
St. Patrick - 815-385-0025 or reoffice@stpatrickmchenry.org.

We thank you for your understanding, as some of our plans may change as we get closer to the new year. Please do complete your registration as soon as you are able to allow us to plan appropriately for the fall.

In God's Love and Care-

Lisa Johnson and Sandy Pollock
Directors of Religious Education for St. Patrick and St. Mary



St. Mary and St. Patrick Church Faith Formation Registration Form 2026-27



Please carefully read and sign photo release

Family Last Name: _____ Parents' First Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Primary Phone Number: _____ Family Email Address: _____
@ _____

Father's information (if different than above)	Mother's Information (if different than above)
Address: _____	Address: _____
Religion: _____	Religion: _____
Work Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____
Email Address: _____	Email Address: _____
Additional Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone: _____	

Photography Release

During the year, we would like your permission to use pictures that may be taken during class in the following ways: on the parish website, on the parish official Facebook page, on the parish bulletin boards, in the parish bulletin, and in The Observer/El Observador (Newspaper of Diocese of Rockford). *Please check which preference applies.*

Yes, I grant permission to use the photos in these ways. -or- No, please do NOT take or use any photos of my child.
 Yes, my child/ren's names can be used with pictures. -or- No, please do NOT use my child/ren's name with pictures

Parent name (printed): _____

Parent signature: _____

Student information:

Child #1
 First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Circle one: Male or Female School attending in fall 2026: _____

Circle one: Special needs?* Yes or No Grade Level in fall 2026: _____

Circle the program requested for this child: Sunday FF or Wednesday FF

*Indicate on Medical Release Form any physical, emotional, or learning needs that affect your child's classroom experience.

for additional children, use next page



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Child #2

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Circle one: Male or Female School attending in fall 2026: _____

Circle one: Special needs?* Yes or No Grade Level in fall 2026: _____

Circle the program requested for this child: Sunday FF or Wednesday FF

*Indicate on Medical Release Form any physical, emotional, or learning needs that affect your child's classroom experience.

Child #3

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Circle one: Male or Female School attending in fall 2026: _____

Circle one: Special needs?* Yes or No Grade Level in fall 2026: _____

Circle the program requested for this child: Sunday FF or Wednesday FF

*Indicate on Medical Release Form any physical, emotional, or learning needs that affect your child's classroom experience.

Child #4

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Circle one: Male or Female School attending in fall 2026: _____

Circle one: Special needs?* Yes or No Grade Level in fall 2026: _____

Circle the program requested for this child: Sunday FF or Wednesday FF

*Indicate on Medical Release Form any physical, emotional, or learning needs that affect your child's classroom experience.

Child #5

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Circle one: Male or Female School attending in fall 2026: _____

Circle one: Special needs?* Yes or No Grade Level in fall 2026: _____

Circle the program requested for this child: Sunday FF or Wednesday FF

*Indicate on Medical Release Form any physical, emotional, or learning needs that affect your child's classroom experience.



St. Mary and St. Patrick Church Faith Formation Medical Release Form 2026-2027



As a parent and/or guardian, I authorize the treatment by a qualified and licensed medical doctor of the following minor in case of medical emergency, that in the opinion of the attending physician, may endanger her or his life, cause disfigurement, physical impairment or undue discomfort if delayed. This authority is granted after a reasonable effort has been made to reach me.

Please fill in the following information and sign where indicated:

FAMILY NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PRIMARY EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER:

NAME OF PRIMARY EMERGENCY CONTACT AND RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD(REN)

SECONDARY EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER, NAME AND RELATIONSHIP:

PHYSICIAN NAME

PHONE NUMBER

DENTIST NAME

PHONE NUMBER

List specific medical allergies, chronic illnesses, learning disabilities or other health or learning issues that may affect classroom behavior:

Child Name: _____

Medical Needs: _____

Child Name: _____

Medical Needs: _____

Child Name: _____

Medical Needs: _____

Child Name: _____

Medical Needs: _____

This release form is for the duration of the Faith Formation classes, September 2026 through May 2027. I have completed this form and signed of my own free will with the sole purpose of authorizing medical treatment, under emergency circumstances, in my absence.

Signed _____

Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

IMPORTANT: You must notify your Religious Education Office **immediately** if any of the above information should change at any time. (i.e. change of physician, dentist, medical conditions or concerns.)

