

Important Notes

- **Mass:** The celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass) is the central point around which parish life and Faith Formation flow. **Regular, weekly participation in the Mass is a must** for families growing in faith.
- **Home:** Make faith part of the rhythms of life at home. We partner with YOU to fully form your child in faith by supplementing your strong faith-life at home with our formation twice monthly. This is why we encourage you come to Adult Formation sessions, get to know your peers and other parents, attend Mass regularly (even if you don't completely understand it), develop a family practice of praying together and participating in the life of the parish community together, and talk about God, spirituality, and religion with your kids. We can help with this! All questions are welcome—we are learning how to parent Faithfully together.
- **Participation:** ~**Two absences** for children are allowed. ~**Parents** of children enrolled in Footsteps in Faith are asked to attend at least half of the parent sessions offered. ~For **child absences**, please notify the Faith Formation Office out of courtesy for your Catechist. ~**You need five Family Faith events** by Easter Sun in order to meet the diocesan min. of formation hours for your child. Without these, the year cannot be considered complete.
- **Sacraments:** Students in 2nd grade and up who regularly participate in Mass and completed the previous year of Faith Formation are invited to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this year. Just like all other students, these may not miss more than **two** Footsteps in Faith sessions and also need **five** Family Faith events.
- **Program Procedures:** Notify us about medical, behavioral, and allergy conditions on the registration form. People with special needs are welcome—contact the Faith Formation Office to inquire.
- If any of your children have **allergies** to food, he or she should bring his or her own snack. Also let your child's catechist know.
- If a discipline or **behavior** challenge should arise, one parent or guardian may be asked to assist in the classroom or meet individually with the Director of Faith Formation.
- At the **end of the session**, children are to be dismissed only to a parent, guardian, or parent-appointed individual, as per the third-party form. This form will be kept with the student's registration.
- **Other notes:** ~Footsteps in Faith Families must also be registered in the Parish. ~We do not discriminate. ~Alcohol is not permitted on campus when students are present. ~Please inform the Director of Faith Formation if a change is made to the child's custodial situation. ~We have a Safe Environment here at OLOL and encourage families to participate in our annual Safe Environment Program.

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community

Footsteps in Faith



2018-19

Children's Formation
Adult Formation
Family Formation

- Parish-based faith formation
- Rooted in Scripture and Catholic Teaching
- For young people age **4 through grade 5** and their parents
- Grade-level small groups for **children**
- For **adults** in Adult Formation sessions
- For the whole **family** through our Family Faith events

Our Lady of Light is a place where the joys, values and traditions of Catholicism are brought to life.

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Three Parts of Footsteps:



Children's Formation

- Each class begins with parents and students together in the Parish Center.
- Grade-level small groups follow in our Classrooms.
- For children age 4 through grade 5
- PreK and K grades use *Our Sunday Visitor's Allelu!*
- Grades 1-5 use *Our Sunday Visitor's Alive in Christ*
- Visit www.aliveinchrist.osv.com/family for games, readings, discussion questions, and online quizzes.

Footsteps in Faith for Adults

- Adult Formation sessions offered for all adults (Catholic or not) during your child's formation session.
- You are welcome to bring a treat to share over coffee, and if you don't see coffee made, just ask someone to show you how to make it.
- Parents should plan to attend at least **half** (we recommend the first half) of the offered parent sessions over the course of the year.



Family Faith

*****Each student needs 5 of these*****

Families should learn and grow in faith together and with "Family Faith" you get to CHOOSE what you do to help your family grow in faith together. Pick anything in the bulletin (not Sunday Masses) to come to, and either sign in or fill out a reflection form. There are a wild variety of things to choose from, offered all year long, so it is easy to attend 5. Call the Faith Formation office for questions.

Parents, Grandparents, Friends—get involved! Volunteer Needs:

- Catechists and Assistants
- Service Projects/Community service coordination
- Technology & Social Media assistance
- Hospitality/Refreshments coordination and hosting
- Classroom Bulletin Boards
- Children's Liturgy of the Word Catechist or Assistant
- Office Support/Admin
- Photography/videography, AV and Tech support

Contact Lori in the Office for details.

Formats for Footsteps in Faith

We have two formats for children's Footsteps in Faith and they both have the **family** at heart. ~We do not offer drop-off programs.~

- A) **"Classroom" style** - Choose your session: Sunday 8:45-10:15am OR Wednesdays at 6:00-7:30pm. We always begin with prayer in our Parish Center. Parents and children stay together for our opening, and then we split off into small groups. Parents stay for coffee and Adult Faith Formation held at the same time as your child—no extra planning or fees on your part.
- B) **"Homeschool" style**—the materials are completed entirely at home with regular check-ins to the Office.

Meeting Dates for 2018-2019

The first class of the year is a mandatory parent meeting.

Please make arrangements to attend.

Sundays

- August 26 (Mandatory parent meeting)
- September 9
- September 23
- October 7
- October 21
- November 4 (Daylight Savings)
- November 18
- December 2
- December 16
- January 13
- January 27
- February 10
- February 24
- March 10 (Daylight Savings)
- March 31
- April 14
- April 28

*Closing event: May 8 details TBA

Wednesdays

- August 29 (Mandatory parent meeting)
- September 12
- September 26
- October 10
- October 24
- November 7
- November 28
- December 12
- December 19
- January 16
- January 30
- February 13
- February 27
- March 13
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- April 10
- April 24

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