

Elementary

ELEMENTARY (K-6) Tuesday 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday 5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Children arrive after school hungry for nourishment physically and spiritually! The lessons often begin before the children even arrive at St. Mary... on the bus or in the car... during outdoor free time. Once they choose their milk, the lessons continue...gathering around the prayer table...studying the Word of God and the Traditions of our Faith...all classes coming together as a large group in song and prayer.



The *Gospel Weekly* series we are using this year is lectionary-based. Children study the Gospel message of the upcoming weekend Mass, share life stories and faith community building activities.

A “Christmas Reflection” is performed by the children in December during class time. Our year-end session is celebrated with the traditional May Crowning and Benediction for all Faith Formation elementary students, families and parishioners the first Wednesday in May.

Elementary Class Schedule

September 27/28

October 4/5; 11/12; 18/19 (*No classes on 25/26*)

November 1/2; 8/9; 15/16; 29/30 (*No classes Thanksgiving week 22/23*)

December 6/7; 13/14; 20/21 (*No classes 27/28 Christmas break*)

January 3/4; 10/11; 17/18; 24/25; 31

February 1; 7/8; 14/15; 21/22; 28/29

March 6/7; 13/14; 20/21; 27/28

April 10/11; 17/18; 24/25 (*No classes on 3/4*)

May 2 @ 6:00 p.m. May Crowning and ice cream social



Special Meetings/Events

September 24 @ 9:00 a.m.

October 2 @ 9:30 a.m.

November 19 @ 9:00 a.m.

December 13/14 during class

March TBD

April 21/22 after Masses

May 2 @ 6:00 p.m.

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children

First Communion Parent Meeting

Advent Adventure

Christmas Reflection

First Communion Reflection Morning

Faith Formation Open House

May Crowning and ice cream social

Drop-Off and Pick Up

Drop off for Kindergarten—6th Grade: Drivers use St. Mary Street entrance following the orange cones to drop students off in front of the building.

Pick Up for Kindergarten and 1st Grade: Parents are asked to park their car across the street or in the west or south parking lot and pick up their child from his/her classroom. If the child has an older sibling (3rd grade or older), he/she may accompany the kindergarten or 1st grade student to the main parking lot for pick up. *Call 868-3334 if you need assistance.*

Pick Up for 2nd thru 6th Grade: Students wait in the main parking lot for pick-up.



Bus Transportation

Bus service is available to children attending Milton East, Milton West, Harmony and Northside Intermediate schools for the Tuesday 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday 4:00 p.m. sessions.

Absence/Early Dismissal/Make-Up

Parents notify the Faith Formation office of child/youth absences at 868-3334 or 868-3336.

The coordinator must receive written notification of a child's early release from class. Written instruction with the day, time and reason for the release will allow staff to have your child ready to go at the requested time. If someone other than the child's parent will be picking them up, also include that person's name and phone number in case of an emergency. *Parents will be contacted regarding the whereabouts of missing children.* Make-up lessons will be available each week for children and can be found on the parish website www.saintmarymilton.org under the Faith Formation link.



Sickness or Accident

Parents will be contacted upon illness or injury of students during class. If a parent cannot be reached, the emergency contact person will be called. If neither parents nor emergency contact persons are located, staff will use their best judgment.



Refreshments

Children are provided with white or chocolate milk and a simple snack at the beginning of class.

Cancellation of Classes

St. Mary follows the Milton School District calendar. The last minute cancellation of classes will be posted on the homepage of the parish website www.saintmarymilton.org. You will also be notified in the following manner:

K-6: The Milton Schools will be notified so children will go home in the usual manner. When Milton Public Schools close due to weather, Faith Formation classes will be cancelled. WCLO 1230 AM and WJVL 99.9 FM radio will also announce closings. ***Families of children from other school districts, please be especially aware.***



Christian Learning Environment

Maintaining order during sessions is very important for children and teens to grasp the fullness of concepts and lessons taught in this short period of time. Therefore, respectful Christian conduct is expected at all times toward everyone. Parents will be notified of behavioral concerns. *Please note that cell phones and electronics must be turned off during class time.*



Emergency Evacuation/Shelters

Fire/Evacuation

A plan of student evacuation in the event of an emergency is in place. Meet your children at the designated area; they will wait for you there:

Church Hall (lower level) Classes: The south end of the south parking lot.

Center Classes: The storage shed at the northwest corner of the church property.

Tornado

All students will gather in the Church Hall (lower level) with their catechists/leaders.

Student Class Grade Placement

Students are placed in the classroom grades in which they attend in their formal education. Students retained/advanced in public schools will be retained/advanced in Faith Formation.