

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
Faith Formation Registration 2009-2010

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Pre-School – This class provides young children a chance to learn about God’s love and the Church.

“Enter Noah’s Ark” Children will join you in church following the Homily. Class Includes: Welcome Song, Chapel Time, Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Story Time, Light Snack, Take Home Craft.

Elementary: - Kindergarten through 5th Grade explores the faith of the Catholic Church.

1st Grade – Our Heavenly Father – Introduces, Creation, the Holy Trinity, Angels and Saints, and Basic Prayers

2nd Grade – Jesus our Life – Covers God’s Mercy and Love, the 10 Commandments, Creation and Redemption.

3rd Grade – Our Life with Jesus – God’s plan of salvation, The birth of the Church, Special emphasis on the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

4th Grade – Jesus our Guide – God’s plan to save His people from sin (salvation history) How we participate in that plan and the many ways God helps us in our pilgrimage on Earth to Heaven through His work and His Laws of the Church.

5th Grade – Credo: I Believe – We cover the Creed, Gospels, Prophets, Prayers of the Church. God the Father, God the Son the Redeemer, God the Holy Spirit the Sanctifier.

Middle School: - THE EDGE is a Catholic Middle School Youth Ministry for early adolescents in grades 6-8. It is designed to meet the catechetical, educational, emotional and social needs of young adolescents. Edge approaches catechesis to middle-school youth using the Life Teen model. Middle-school youth are removed from behind classroom desks and brought into a large-group environment for gathering activities, teachings and prayer. In small groups, they break open the teachings and build solid, Christ-centered relationships that allow them to comfortably explore their Catholic faith and make it relevant to their everyday lives. This helps build safe relationships during some of the most formative years of a teen’s life. With new catechetical themes delivered every semester, Directors of Religious Education or middle school Ministers have a variety of topics to explore and teach to youth. This creative and experiential approach engages youth to understand Catholic teaching and form their Catholic identity.

High School: -LEADING TEENS CLOSER TO CHRIST: LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic movement that serves the Church by providing resources and faith experiences that help lead teens closer to Christ. This is accomplished through a vibrant Eucharistic spirituality and by creating opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. Life Teen began in 1985 as a single-parish program in Mesa, Arizona. As it grew in popularity with the teens, people around the country began to take notice. The simple model of a Mass focused on teens and their families, followed by a catechetical session called a “Life Night,” remains effective to this day. In the past two decades, Life Teen has grown into one of the most prolific Catholic youth ministry programs in the world. Through youth friendly Liturgies, Life Nights, weekly activities, service opportunities, teen leadership and outreach activities, teens learn more about their Catholic faith and grow to love the Sacraments, the Word, and the Mass. At a parish with the Life Teen ministry, a priest, youth minister, music ministry and a Core team of volunteer’s build an environment where teens feel loved, accepted, and challenged to go deeper in their faith.