

FORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES:
REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH SUMMER AND WINTER PROGRAMS

- a. **These are family centered, which means that a parent is to participate with the child or children in the activity.** Children are not to be dropped off at an activity nor are other families to be responsible for children other than their own.
The reason for such a requirement is that parents are the primary religious educators of their children and children need to see their parents involved in their Catholic Faith and giving example of the importance of that Catholic Faith for themselves as well as their children.
- b. **Ten (10) Hours of Formational Activities are required.** The Formational Activities from which a family can choose are:
- i. Christmas Eve Nativity (3 hours)
 - ii. Advent Penance Service (1 hour)
 - iii. Aid for Friends Ministry – Last Wednesday of every month (1 hour)
 - iv. MLK Day of Service (3 hours)
 - v. Lenten Penance Service (1 hour)
 - vi. Holy Week Liturgies:
 - a. Holy Thursday (1 ½ hours)
 - b. Good Friday (1 ½ hours)
 - c. Holy Saturday –Easter Vigil (1 ½ hours)
 - vii. Stations of the Cross during Lent (½ hour)
 - viii. Report of a Saint (written at grade level) (2 hours)
 - ix. Visit to one of the Shrines in our archdiocese and a report on the visit (written at grade level) (2 hours)
 - x. Children’s Choir (10 hours) must commit to the year’s program
 - xi. Book report (Written at grade level)
 - xii. Coming to hear a Guest Speaker (age appropriate) (1 hour)
 - xiii. GiGi Project (2 hours) (6th Graders and Confirmation Candidates). This activity requires further information before signing up to participate.
 - xiv. Decorating Church for the various holidays (1 hour)
 - xv. Altar Serving (10 hours) This requires a full year’s participation.
 - xvi. Children’s Retreat Day (Grades 1-4) (3 hours)-if and when one is scheduled