



The Lord's Vineyard
Faith Formation Program
Former St. Hyacinth School
296 Lake Shore Dr. E, Dunkirk, NY 14048

Welcome to Faith Formation!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 The Lord's Vineyard Faith Formation Program! We are excited to partner with you in nurturing your child's faith journey. This program is designed to support your child's spiritual growth, deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith, and prepare them for a lifelong relationship with God.

Program Overview

Our faith formation program welcomes children from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Our approved diocesan curriculum correlates to the 2024 promulgated standards and is rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church and includes:

- **Faith Formation:** Age-appropriate instruction on the teachings of the Church, the sacraments, prayer, and moral development.
- **Sacramental Preparation:** Separate and distinct from the regular classes to prepare children for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.
- **Community Building:** Opportunities for students to build relationships with peers through group activities, service projects, and parish events.

Key Dates

- **Program Start Date:** Sunday, October 20, 2024
- **Class Schedule:** Sunday mornings 8:45-9:45
- **Parent Orientation Meeting:** Sunday, October 6, 2024

Important Information

- **Attendance:** Regular attendance is essential for your child's progress. If your child will miss a class, please notify your Director of Faith Formation. Missing 3 or more classes with **no** remote coursework, could result in not moving forward to the next grade level.
- **Materials:** Students will be provided with all necessary materials, including textbooks and activity sheets. This includes access to covered class work online.
- **Communication:** We will send important information via email, Remind text, website and our parish bulletin. Please ensure we have **all** your current contact information.

How You Can Get Involved

Your involvement is crucial to your child's success in this program! Here are some ways you can help:

- **Volunteer:** Consider volunteering as a catechist, classroom aide, or event coordinator. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated!
- **Support:** Donations of classroom supplies, no nut snacks, or monetary contributions are always welcome. We are a nut free program for youth.
- **Prayer:** Join us in praying for the success of our program and the spiritual growth of our students.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact your faith formation directors. Join Remind. Visit the website www.thelordsvineyard3.com for information.

- **Director of Faith Formation K-6:** JoAnn Catalano
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- **Director of Faith Formation 7-12:** Natalie Hoebener
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A Prayer for Our Students

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gift of our children and the opportunity to guide them in their faith.

Bless our faith formation program and all those who participate.

May they grow in wisdom, grace, and love,

As they come to know and follow You more each day.

Amen.

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning, growth, and faith-filled experiences!

Blessings,

Natalie S. Hoebener
DRE 7-12 and Community Liaison
The Lord's Vineyard