

**SMG Faith Formation Program 2022-2021**  
**Overview and Book List**  
Wednesday, September 14, 2022



**St. Maria Goretti**  
Catholic Church

**Faith Formation Vision**

Our plan for Faith Formation this year at St. Maria Goretti is to take a full-parish approach and offer something for everyone. The way we hope to accomplish this is to open up our usual Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation evenings to the entire parish, and to add the second Wednesday of every month as a roulette of various “Catholic Topics”.

What we are hoping to accomplish in the revising of our Faith Formation Program is to foster a community of continued learning and formation in the Catholic Faith. The deep truths and mysteries of our Catholic Faith can never be exhausted, which means we are never “finished” learning or reflecting on the riches of our faith. Always, Jesus Christ is the center of these doctrines and mysteries that we study. Our study of the faith serves to increase, deepen, and give greater understanding to our relationship to Christ here on earth in His Church.

**Redemptor Hominis (*Redeemer of Man*) - Pope St. John Paul II:**

What should we do, in order that this new advent of the Church connected with the approaching end of the second millennium may bring us closer to him whom Sacred Scripture calls "Everlasting Father", Pater futuri saeculi? This is the fundamental question that the new Pope must put to himself on accepting in a spirit of obedience in faith the call corresponding to the command that Christ gave Peter several times: "Feed my lambs", meaning: Be the shepherd of my sheepfold, and again: "And when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren".

To this question, dear Brothers, sons and daughters, a fundamental and essential response must be given. Our response must be: Our spirit is set in one direction, the only direction for our intellect, will and heart is towards Christ our Redeemer, towards Christ, the Redeemer of man. We wish to look towards him-because there is salvation in no one else but him, the Son of God-repeating what Peter said: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life".

Join us whenever you are able! The attached schedule and book list are to help you participate in the different evenings if you would like. We would like to see you and your families every week, but understand that that may not be possible. If you miss weeks here and there, or if you can only participate on occasion, please still join when you can! Our program will follow a sequence, but there is no reason that you can continue to join even if you miss some weeks.

# Calendar

## Monthly Schedule 2022–2023

	Sundays	Wednesdays*
1	<b>Community Nights</b> More information coming soon	<b>Catechism Formation</b> + <b>Family Catechesis</b>  First Wednesday of the Month 5:30 – 7 p.m.  <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"><b>Catechism Formation</b></div>
2		<b>Catholic Topics</b>  Second Wednesday of the Month 5:30 – 7 p.m.  <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"><b>Catholic Topics</b></div>
3	<b>Community Lunch</b> All are invited to lunch sponsored by the Religious Education families  Third Sunday of the Month After the 11 a.m. Mass  <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"><b>Community Lunch</b></div>	<b>Sacramental Formation</b> + <b>First Holy Communion</b> + <b>Confirmation</b>  Third Wednesday of the Month 5:30 – 7 p.m.  <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"><b>Sacramental Formation</b></div>
4	Open	Open

**\*Middle School Youth Group**

Meets Every Wednesday, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

**\*High School Youth Group**

Meets Every Wednesday, 7:30 – 9 p.m.

**The schedule for each Wednesday, regardless of the week, will follow a similar structure:**

- 5:30 p.m.** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
- 6:00 p.m.** Classes Begin
  - Parents and High School – aged Students in Parish Hall
  - Other Students in various locations in SMG School
- 7:00 p.m.** Wrap-up and dismissal

# Book List 2022-2023

These are the different materials that may be used throughout this year. The “Recommended Reading” materials are totally optional, supplemental reading that may aid you to dive deeper into the different subjects we are studying this year.

## Primary Materials

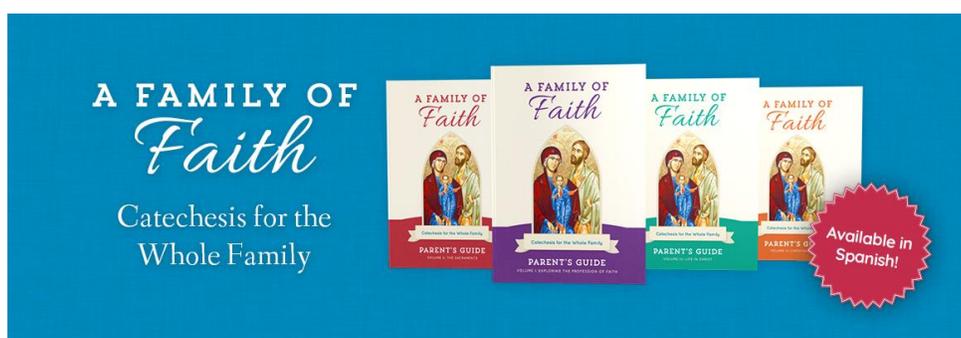
These are the main sources we will use this year, indicated by week/topic.

### Week 1: Catechism Formation - Morality

#### **Family of Faith, Volume III: Life in Christ**

*Sophia Institute Press*

<https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/shop/family-of-faith>



### Week 2: Catholic Topics

There are no set materials for this week because the topics will vary. Different presenters may provide additional resources for follow-up reading.

### Week 3: Sacramental Formation

#### **Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession**

**&**

#### **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist**

*FORMED.org*

[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) – Free access through our Parish!



## How to access FORMED.org materials for free:

1. First time users of Formed.org should select “Sign Up” (not “sign in”)
2. Select “Sign up as a parishioner”
3. You will be prompted to enter the parish and city (St. Maria Goretti, Madison, WI)
4. You will then be prompted to enter your personal name and e-mail address to sign up
5. You will use your e-mail address when logging in in the future

## Recommended Reading

These are non-essential reading materials if you would like to read and study on your own and join in the conversations and discussions. At the very least, they are good materials for your library even if you do not read them this year.

### Week 1: Morality

#### **Veritatis Splendor**

*Pope St. John Paul II*

Vatican Press

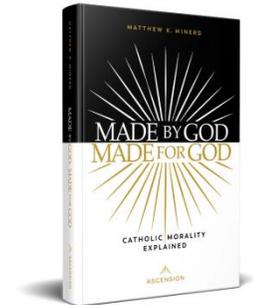
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#### **Made by God, Made for God**

*Dr. Matthew Miner*

Ascension Press

<https://ascensionpress.com/products/made-by-god-made-for-god-catholic-morality-explained>



### Week 3: Sacramental Formation

#### **Reconciliatio et Paenitentia**

*Pope St. John Paul II*

Vatican Press

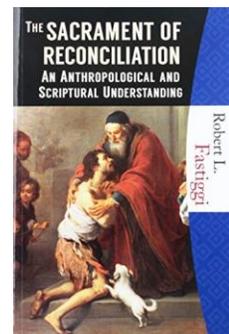
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#### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation: An Anthropological and Scriptural Understanding**

*Robert L. Fastiggi*

Hillenbrand Books

<https://www.abebooks.com/9781595250438/Sacrament-Reconciliation-Anthropological-Scriptural-Understanding-1595250433/plp>



## **Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist**

*Dr. Brant Pitre*

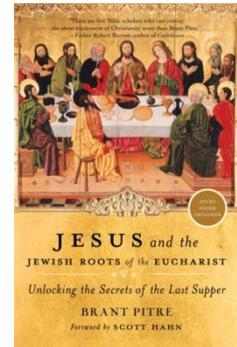
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## **Ecclesia de Eucharistia**

*Pope St. John Paul II*

Vatican Press

[https://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/special\\_features/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_enc\\_20030417\\_ecclesia\\_eucharistia\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/holy_father/special_features/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_20030417_ecclesia_eucharistia_en.html)



## **Additional Resources**

### **The Catechism of the Catholic Church**

Available online:

USCCB: <https://www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/flipbooks/catechism/>

Vatican: <https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/INDEX.HTM>

Hardcopies can be purchased anywhere Catholic books are sold

### **Catholic Bible**

A personal copy of the Bible is highly recommended.

Here are some versions I know are good:

- The Great Adventure Bible – Ascension Press
- Ignatius Catholic Study Bible
- New American Bible Revised Edition

\*Ensure that the version you purchase is the Catholic Edition – there are many versions available