

**St. Therese of Lisieux
Faith Formation Team**

*Guided by our call to Discipleship, the Faith Formation Team seeks to help to **inform, form and and transform** individuals, families, and cultures in our faith community of St. Therese by engaging and helping to nurture and strengthen their faith.*

The Church's educational ministry consists of:

- KOINONIA – Engaging in the forms of community and communion.
- LEITURGIA - Engaging in prayer, worship, and spirituality.
- KERYGNA - Proclaiming the Word of God.
- DIAKONIA - Outreach and service.
- DIDACHE - Teaching and learning.

Through Baptism and Confirmation we are all called to exercise both a right and responsibility to participate fully in the life and mission of the Church. **Vatican II, {Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity (10), Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (30, 37)}**

1983 Code of Canon Law (§ 208, 519, 536) provides the structures to express and encourage collaborative responsibility on every level of church administration.

Some areas of parish life the team considers:

- Worship: Liturgy
- Faith Formation
- Word: Teaching/Education
- Service: Charity/Social Justice, Servant leadership
- Youth Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry
- Golden Age Ministry
- Prayer/Spiritual Experiences
- Community: Unity in Diversity/Welcoming

Occasions for Instruction and Prayer:

- Seasonal (Advent, Christmas, Lenten, Easter, Pentecost)
- Missions and other prayer practices (Days of Recollection, Retreats, Stations of the Cross, Scripture Study, Faith Sharing, Marian Events, Evangelical Cafe).
- Social Gatherings, i.e. Town Hall Meetings, Cultural Breakfast, Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship.
- Pastoral Institute, Leadership Training, Diocesan Training.
- Deanery gatherings.