

Church of the Risen Savior

Children & Youth Faith Formation Program Flyer 2025-2026

Sunday School:

Coordinator: Jessica Sosa (952) 679-1523 jessica.sosa@risensavior.org

Children who will be three years old by September 1, 2025, *and are ready for a classroom experience*, are invited to be part of the Sunday morning Preschool program. In each session children will explore Bible stories in fun, hands-on ways. Engaging activities help children and leaders make connections between the Bible stories and daily life. (Please note: this is a combined 3 and 4 year old class utilizing the same curriculum).

Children who will be in Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year are invited to be part of the Sunday morning Kindergarten program. The children will build on what they learned in preschool, with a slightly more structured approach.

Classes generally meet the first three Sundays of each month at 9:00 a.m. Our first session will be October 5, 2025.

Price: **Early Bird** (April 1-May 31): **\$110/child;**
Regular (June 1—Sept. 15): **\$125/child;**
Late (Sept. 16 and after): **Regular Tuition PLUS \$40/family**

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) Family Program, Grades 1, 3 & 4:

Coordinator: Jessica Sosa (952) 679-1523 jessica.sosa@risensavior.org

G.I.F.T. is a *home-based* program for elementary children and their parents. Children complete one lesson per week at home using the *Finding God* curriculum. In addition, *parents and children* attend one at-church session per month. These sessions include presentations, games, crafts, and other activities designed to support and enhance the themes from the at-home schedule. The same at-church session will be offered at three times each month, giving families a choice for the most convenient time. If we get enough interest, we will be offering one session each month in Spanish. Please register for GIFT First Sunday, or the First Wednesday of the month for English or Second Sunday of the Month for Spanish. The schedule for sessions is October through April as follows:

G.I.F.T. First Sunday in English meets the first* Sunday of the month, 10:15—11:30 a.m.

G.I.F.T. First Wednesday in English meets the first* Wednesday of the month, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

G.I.F.T. Second Sunday **in Spanish** meets the second* Sunday of the Month 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. (If enough register) (*No GIFT on Holidays or Ash Wednesday; please see printed schedule for exact dates after registering) Schedules available in August on the Website and emailed to registered families.

Orientation dates for parents:

In English Wednesday, September 10, 2025 from 6:00-6:45 p.m. OR Sunday, September 14, 2025 from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

In Spanish, Sunday, September 14, 2025 12:00 p.m.—12:45 p.m.

Price: **Early Bird** (April 1-May 31): **\$115/child;**
Regular (June 1—Sept. 15): **\$130/child;**
Late (Sept. 16 and after): **Regular Tuition PLUS \$40/family**

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) Family Program, with Sacraments: Includes First Reconciliation (Confession) & First Eucharist (Communion)

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This program is for children in grades 2 through 4 who have been baptized but have not yet received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. *This program includes the entire GIFT program as described above!* In addition, children will prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Eucharist (First Communion). Attendance is **required** at the following:

Parent/Child attend together: **DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

- Monthly GIFT sessions (see above)
- First Reconciliation Meeting: Wednesday, October 29, 2025, 6:00—7:30 p.m.
- First Reconciliation Retreat: Saturday, November 15, 2025, 9:00—11:30 a.m.
- First Eucharist Retreat: Saturday, March 7, 2026, 9:00—11:30 a.m.

Mass celebrations of First Eucharist: Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.; Saturday May 2, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., Sunday May 3, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Parents Only: Orientation Wednesday, September 10, 2025, from 6:45—7:15 p.m. OR Sunday, September 14, 2025, from 10:15—11:00 a.m. **You must attend Orientation if your child is receiving First Eucharist and Reconciliation!**

Price: **Early Bird** (April 1-May 31): **\$130/child;**
Regular (June 1—Sept. 15): **\$145/child;**
Late (Sept. 16 and after): **Regular Tuition PLUS \$40/family**

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Grade 5 Faith Formation

Director: Rae Ann Konkol, (952) 698-1727, raeann.konkol@risensavior.org

Students in Grade 5 will be focusing on the Bible during the 2025-2026 school year. Students will meet two Wednesdays each month. One class a month will be in designated classes in the Bays. The other class will be in a large group setting and will be a hands-on project that sometimes are Parent/Child. This program is designed to meet the specific needs of fifth graders.

Classes meet from September 2025 through April 2026 on two to three Wednesdays per month from 6:00 p.m.—7:15 p.m. The Student-Parent Orientation Session for those in grade 5 is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2025, from 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. A complete schedule for the year will be available in August 2025.

Price: **Early Bird** (April 1-May 31): **\$115/child;**
Regular (July 1—Sept. 15): **\$130/child;**
Late (Sept. 16 and after): **Regular Tuition PLUS \$40/family**

Grades 6—8 Faith Formation

Director: Rae Ann Konkol, (952) 698-1727, raeann.konkol@risensavior.org

Youth in grades 6—8 meet at the parish center in designated classes led by adult catechists, from September through April. Utilizing a textbook and a Bible, the students will learn about the Four Pillars of the Catechism: Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer. On the Wednesdays we are not in the classroom setting, we meet in the youth room for WAVE, our middle school Youth Group.

Classes and WAVE Youth Group meet Wednesdays from September 2025 through May 2026 from 6:00-7:15 p.m. We will not meet on Holy days or Ash Wednesday.

The Material pick up for all and Student-Parent Orientation Session for **ALL** families with children in grades 6—8 is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2025, from 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. A complete schedule for the year will be available in August 2025.

Price: **Early Bird** (April 1-May 31): **\$115/child;**
Regular (July 1—Sept. 15): **\$130/child;**
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Sacramental Preparation for Youth: Confirmation Years One & Two

Director: Rae Ann Konkol, (952) 698-1727, raeann.konkol@risensavior.org

Preparation for Confirmation is a two-year process that begins when an individual feels that she or he is ready to learn what it means to live as a fully initiated member of the Church community. All students in grades 9-11 who wish to prepare for Confirmation must begin with *Confirmation Year One* and complete BOTH years of preparation. The schedule for the two-year process will include small group class sessions, Youth Group sessions, as well as occasional large group gatherings for the candidates and sponsors. In addition, all Confirmation students are required to engage in community service, and retreats (February, 2026, for Confirmation I, and December, 2025 or January, 2026 for Confirmation II. Dates to be given out at Orientation). Participation in a Confirmation Retreat is required in both *Confirmation Year One and Confirmation Year Two*. Details will be available at the Orientation.

Grades 9—11 Confirmation Year One

MUST be completed BEFORE Confirmation Year Two; does not include the celebration of the Sacrament. Fee Includes Retreat.

Price: **Early Bird** (April 1-May 31): **\$130/child;**
Regular (July 1—Sept. 15): **\$145/child;**
Late (Sept. 16 and after): **Regular Tuition PLUS \$40/family**

Grades 10—12 Confirmation Year Two

MUST have completed Confirmation Year One; includes the celebration of the Sacrament. Fee Includes Retreat.

Price: **Early Bird** (April 1-May 31): **\$245/child;**
Regular (July 1—Sept. 15): **\$260/child;**
Late (Sept. 16 and after): **Regular Tuition PLUS \$40/family**

The Student-Parent Orientation Session is scheduled for Sunday, September 28, 2025, from 6:00—7:30 p.m. A complete schedule for the year will be available in August 2025.

C.I.C. (Christian Initiation for Children)

Coordinator: Ben Caduff (952) 698-1724, benjamin.caduff@risensavior.org

Christian Initiation for Children is a year-long program for unbaptized children ages 7 and up. This also includes children who did not receive their First Communion in Second Grade and/or are un-catechized. The program will culminate in the reception of the Initiation Sacrament(s) at the Easter Vigil in 2026.

Programs will be individualized to meet the unique needs of each of our families and participants. Contact Ben Caduff for more information and to set-up an initial interview.