

Intergenerational Community

1. **Caring:** Community building activities, storytelling, mentoring, social events
2. **Celebrating:** Sunday Worship, whole community sacramental celebrations, milestones celebrations, church year feasts and seasons
3. **Learning:** Intergenerational learning programs (weekly, monthly, small group); incorporating intergenerational learning into age group programming
4. **Praying:** Community prayer experiences, intergenerational prayer groups, spiritual guides/mentors
5. **Serving:** Intergenerational service projects and mission trips, church-wide service days

Benefits

- + Christian commitment is formed and strengthened as persons develop relationships and actively participate in intergenerational faith communities that teach, model, and live out the communities' beliefs.
- + People learn the ways of the community of practice as they participate authentically and relationally with more experienced members of the culture; people learn Christian ways from more experienced members of the culture through intergenerational Christian communities.

Benefits

- + People identify with their community as they are allowed to participate in the activities to be learned.
- + Strengthens and creates new relationships among people of all ages, enhances their sense of belonging in the faith community, and increases participation in church life.
- + Affirms each person's value in the total community (regardless of age), and promotes shared values and respect.
- + Creates a welcoming and safe environment conducive to promoting faith sharing, group participation, mutual support, and care for one another in the congregation and in the community

Benefits

- + Encourages faith growth and practice in all generations and provide "up close and personal" formation in faith as children, teens, young adults, middle-aged adults, and older adults engage in sharing faith, teaching, learning, serving, celebrating, and praying for one another.
- + IFF supports families by surrounding them with a community of faith and engaging the whole family in caring, celebrating, learning, praying, and serving together; and providing parents with opportunities to learn from Christians who are practicing their faith and raising faithful children.

Caring

Cultivating caring relationships across generations in the congregation and community, becoming a life-giving spiritual community of faith, hope, and love.

1. Intergenerational Caring Conversations
2. Intergenerational Community Building
3. Intergenerational Relationships in Existing Programs
4. Intergenerational Storytelling
5. Intergenerational Relationships through Mentoring

Celebrating

Worshiping God together through Sunday worship, rituals, sacraments, and the liturgical seasons that involves all of the ages and generations.

1. Intergenerational Sunday Worship
2. Whole Community Sacramental Celebrations
3. Milestones throughout Life
4. Church Year Feasts & Seasons

Praying

Nurturing the spiritual life of the whole community through the congregation's prayer services, rituals, and blessings throughout the year.

1. Intergenerational Formation in Spiritual Practices
2. Intergenerational Prayer Stations
3. Intergenerational Prayer Partners & Spiritual Guides
4. Intergenerational Prayer Groups

Serving

Involving all ages and generations in service and mission to the world, especially to the poor and vulnerable, and in the works of justice and advocacy.

1. Intergenerational Mission Trips
2. Churchwide Service Day
3. Intergenerational Monthly Project
4. Intergenerational Service Nights
5. Intergenerational Service Projects

Learning

Engaging all ages and generations together in learning experiences that teach scripture and the Christian tradition, informing and forming disciples of all ages in Christian identity.

Intergenerational Learning

1. Weekly
2. Bi-Weekly
3. Monthly
4. Small Group & Large Group

Learning

Incorporating Intergenerational Learning in Church Life

1. Age Group Programming
2. Sacramental and Milestone Celebrations
3. Church Year Feasts & Seasons
4. Vacation Bible School
5. Mission Trips & Service Projects
6. Retreat and Camp Experiences

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- Intergenerational Learning
 1. In-Common All Ages Experiences
 2. Parallel Learning
 3. Contributive Occasions
 4. Interactive Sharing
- Weekly, Bi-Weekly, and Monthly Models
- Small Group & Large Group Models

HI-life Gatherings...

Our sixth year of whole community catechesis focuses on Living a Moral Life. Our theme is *Navigating Life with GPS - God's Proven System*. Christian moral life can be summed up as the recognition of the awesome gift of God's loving presence in our lives and our continuing effort to respond to that love. During this year we will explore the guidelines that God has given us to live lives of love and faithfulness, including the ten commandments and the beatitudes. We encourage parishioners of all ages to participate in our HI-life Gatherings - our intergenerational learning assemblies that are the foundation of our lifelong faith formation process. Our monthly Gatherings are a time of fellowship, faith formation, and fun.

➤ Sharing a Simple Meal Together

No cooking - just come and enjoy

At a typical Gathering you are welcomed by greeters in the Hospitality Room and escorted to a table in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a meal with fellow parishioners of all ages. At your table there might be a single adult, a family of four, a retired person, or an empty-nest couple. There will be a couple of questions on the table to focus our table talk.

➤ Whole Group Opening Experience

Introduction of the topic to be experienced by all ages

After the meal, everyone moves to the church for an opening prayer and an activity to set the tone for the evening, such as a story or video segment. Each household receives a HI-life Home Kit and learns to use it throughout the evening.

➤ Exploring the Topic through Age-Specific Learning Activities

Learning about the same topic according to one's age or stage in life

Then the group divides into smaller groups for age-specific learning activities. A typical evening might have adults staying in the church for a speaker and group discussion, young adults in Meeting Room 4, YM youth in Meeting Room 2, YWJ youth in the Hospitality Room, and parents with young children (approximately ages 5-11) together in the Fellowship Hall. There are lead catechists for each group to teach and guide the learning activities of the evening and trained facilitators to assist the parents and children at each table.

➤ Whole Group Sharing Experience

Closing of the Gathering for all ages

To conclude our evening, everyone reunites in the church to share what has been learned, to pray together, and to be sent forth to continue learning at home in preparation for the church event or season which is the focus of the month.



Elements of LOGOS
In local churches, LOGOS teams build intergenerational relationships between young people and caring, Christian adults of all ages through a four-part weekly format:

ACTS 2:42 (NRSV)
They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayers.

- Bible Study:** A time for each grade, or a combination of grades, to study the Bible at the request for Christ-centered living. Churches can use non-denominational curriculum developed by GenOn for LOGOS (either '9 arts for Life' or our high school Bible studies) or something of their own choosing.
- Family Time:** The shared meal is a time to gather regular "table families" of various ages who eat together each week for the entire program year. Children learn preparation that are served family style—with table settings and naming dishes, practicing the art of serving one another.
- Worship Skills:** Chant, drama, bells, or other arts are rehearsed at LOGOS and then presented regularly in corporate worship, which church decides the best fit with its own liturgy and worship style.
- Recreation:** All have great fun in a cooperative atmosphere, often playing on the holidays and interests of adults in the congregation willing to share their pastime on a one-to-one basis or longer.

Elements of LOGOS

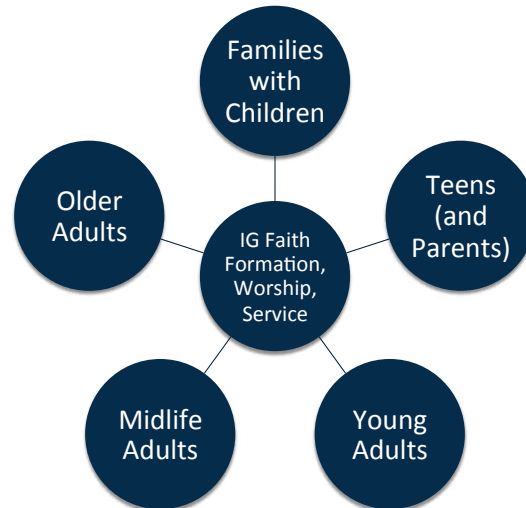
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3. Worship Skills
4. Recreation

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Types of IG Faith Formation

1. As the faith formation curriculum for the whole community
2. In Lectionary-based catechesis
3. In sacramental preparation
4. In Vacation Bible School
5. In parent-child and parent-teen programs
6. In milestone celebrations
7. In intergenerational service projects
8. In liturgical season celebrations
9. In a retreat experience or parish mission

Curriculum for the Whole Parish



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Potential Themes

1. Church Year & Scripture
2. Creed
3. Sacraments
4. Morality
5. Justice
6. Prayer
7. Christian Practices
8. Bible
9. Mission & Ministry

Curriculum for the Whole Parish



Topical

Advent	Jesus the Messiah
Christmas – Epiphany	Divinity of Jesus
Lent	Journey with Jesus
Good Friday	Death of Jesus
Easter Season	Resurrection
Pentecost	Mission of the Christian
Sunday Readings	Ministry of Jesus
Sunday Readings	Identity of Christ

Topical

Baptism	Celebrations of Baptism, Baptism of the Lord, Easter Season
Confirmation	Celebration of Confirmation, Pentecost
Eucharist	Sunday, First Eucharist, Holy Thursday, Corpus Christi
Reconciliation	Lent, Reconciliation Services
Anointing of the Sick	Celebration of Sacrament, February Lectionary Readings (Cycle B)
Marriage	World Marriage Day, Holy Family Sunday
Orders	Vocations Day

Liturgical

Connecting Faith, Worship, and Life

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish uses a liturgy-centered, lifelong, and intergenerational approach to Catholic faith formation. The goal is to help and support everyone who wishes to become a better disciple by integrating faith, worship, and life in light of the Gospel. Since this is an ongoing, lifelong task, we invite EVERYONE in the parish to participate. All are welcome!

Liturgical

September: Mass for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October: Mass for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
November: Mass for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
December: Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Advent
January: Mass for the Baptism of the Lord
February: Mass for the 1st Sunday of Lent
March: Mass for Palm Sunday
April: Mass for the 4th Sunday of Easter
May: Mass for Holy Trinity Sunday

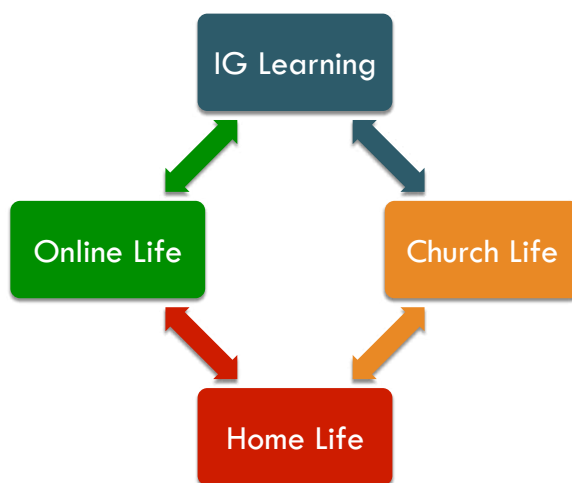
Milestones - Lifecycle

1. Birth / Baptism
2. Starting School Year / Blessing Backpacks
3. First Communion
4. Receiving a first Bible
5. Confirmation
6. Graduation (HS, College)
7. Engagement
8. Wedding
9. Retirement
10. Death / Funeral

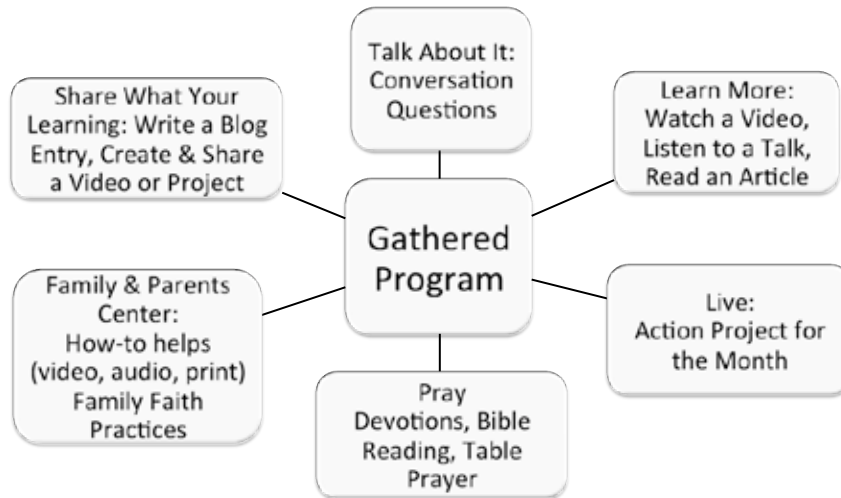
Christian Practices

1. Caring for the Body
2. Celebrating Life
3. Discernment
4. Dying Well
5. Eating Well
6. Forgiving
7. Hospitality
8. Keeping Sabbath
9. Managing Household Life
10. Participating in Community
11. Praying
12. Reading the Bible
13. Transforming the World.

Connected Faith Formation



Extend an Intergenerational Program



Intergenerational Learning: Practice

Learning Process

Meal and Community Building (30 minutes)

Part 1. Gathering and Prayer (10-15)

Part 2. All Ages Learning Experience (20-30)

Part 3. In-Depth Learning Experience (75-90)

- Option 1. Whole Group (together)
- Option 2. Age Group (parallel)
- Option 3. Activity Center

Part 4. Sharing Learning Experiences and Home Application (15-20)

Part 5. Closing Prayer (5-10)



Meal & Community Building



Part 1. Gathering



Part 2. All Ages Learning



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Part 3. Whole Group Format

The Whole Group Format provides. . .

- Learning activities for everyone using small groups or table groups
- Intergenerational learning activities and age-appropriate learning activities for families with children, teens, young adults, and adults
- Lead facilitator or team guides the entire group through the learning program—giving presentations and leading activities





Part 3. Age Group Format

The Age Group Format provides parallel, age-appropriate learning activities on the same theme for...

1. young children (4 and 5 year olds)
2. families with children (grades 1-5)
3. adolescents (middle school and high school)
4. young adults
5. adults





Part 3. Learning Center Format

The Learning Activity Center Format provides. . .

- Learning stations or centers with structured learning activities on a common theme
- Age-specific or intergenerational
- Facilitated by leaders



Part 4. Sharing & Application



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Closing Prayer



Example: Called to Pray

1. Gathering and Opening Prayer
2. All Ages Learning: I'm Ready God, Where Are You? (Drama)
3. In-Depth Learning: Paths of Prayer
 - Activity 1: Creating a Space for Prayer
 - Activity 2: Praying with Scripture
 - Activity 3: Praying with the Psalms
 - Activity 4: Intercessory Prayer
 - Activity 5: The Jesus Prayer
4. Part 4. Sharing Learning Experiences and Home Application
5. Part 5. Closing Prayer

Example: Identity of Christ

1. Gathering and Opening Prayer
2. All Ages Learning: Gospel Portraits of Jesus (multimedia experience)
3. Age-Appropriate Learning: Exploring the Gospel Portraits of Jesus Christ
 - Families with Children Learning Plan
 - Adolescent Learning Plan
 - Adult Learning Plan
4. Part 4. Sharing Learning Experiences and Home Application
5. Part 5. Closing Prayer

Example: Jesus, Son of God

What is Jesus saying/doing?

What is Jesus teaching us about the qualities of God?

Activity Centers

1. Jesus is Born (Infancy Narratives)
2. Jesus Is God 's Beloved Son (Baptism and Transfiguration)
3. Jesus Teaches Parables of the Kingdom of God
4. Jesus Heals People
5. Jesus Forgives Sin
6. Jesus Raises People from the Dead
7. Jesus Feeds People

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Methods for Exploring Gospel Stories

- ✓ Presenting the Gospel story: proclamation, reading, media
- ✓ Dramatic presentations & role plays
- ✓ Creative art activities
- ✓ Storytelling & Scripture imagination activities
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Prayer and ritual
- ✓ Group discussion & family conversations

Example: Jesus, Son of God

1. Jesus is Born: Creative Activity & Discussion
2. Jesus Is God's Beloved Son (Baptism and Transfiguration): Ritual/Prayer Activity
3. Jesus Teaches Parables of the Kingdom of God: Rewriting Parables for Today; Creative Art Activity
4. Jesus Heals People: Role Play/Dramatic Reading, Praying for the Sick
5. Jesus Forgives Sin: Drama and Reflection Activity
6. Jesus Raises People from the Dead: Dramatic Re-enactment; Creative Activity
7. Jesus Feeds People: Imagination Activity and Prayer Activity