

August 8th, 2017

Dear Parents of Children in Grades K-7 & Confirmation Students,

Greetings and God's peace and joy to all of you!

Faith Formation classes for grade levels K-8 will begin on Wednesday September 13th. All classes will be held in the St. Joseph School. We ask that all students K-7 report to the school cafeteria each evening.

Students who will be in confirmation this year (8th grade), there will be a **STUDENT AND PARENT MEETING AT 7 PM IN THE CHURCH ON THE FIRST NIGHT OF CLASS**. Confirmation classes will regularly meet in room 100.

REGISTRATION FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 30TH, STARTING AT 7 PM IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA. Charges for Faith Formation are \$50 for one student, \$80 for two students, and \$120 for three or more students. Please have your registration fee payment with you and the enclosed registration form completed with all necessary information when you come to register. A schedule will be given to you at the time of registration.

If your child is going to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Communion or Confirmation and was NOT baptized at the Church of St. Joseph, please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate at the time of registration. Baptismal certificates need to be provided with each sacrament. We do not hold them over from other sacraments. If you do not have the records at home, they can be obtained by calling the church in which the baptism took place.

With our faith formation program growing, we need to look at some options for our classrooms sizes. I have had many parents approach me and tell me that our class times are a bit too late for our Kindergarten and 1st Grade classes. After looking at everything, the decision has been made to offer 2 sessions for Kindergarten and 1st Grade starting this fall. We will run one session from 5:30pm to 6:45pm and the other from 7pm to 8:15pm. These 2 sessions will ONLY be offered if there is enough interest in both. You will notice for Kindergarten and 1st Grade parents, there is a spot on the registration form for you to choose your session. Please contact Laurie Friesz, our Faith Formation Director with any further questions.

We ask that you do not drop your child off too early as the doors may not be open. We are very concerned with your child's safety and for this reason we are asking that parents meet their children in the school building by the end of each class session. The parking lot by the south door tends to be rather congested during the loading and unloading of vehicles and thus it would be safer to drop off and pick up your child in the school building, especially those in the lower grades. Above all, please use extreme caution when backing your vehicle!

Again with our faith formation growing, we are in need of more volunteers! Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office at 701-663-9562 or Laurie Friesz 701-426-5825. Thank you for prayerfully considering volunteering for a class this year. Our teachers always have helpers, so it is a team teaching effort! Also, thank you to all the volunteers that have already said "YES" to teach!

We look forward to working with your children this year. We will do our very best to provide your child with the kind of faith training and formation that reflect the values given to us by Jesus Christ. We ask for your cooperation, support and prayers in our efforts.

God Bless,

Fr. Shane Campbell
Pastor

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