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## **WELCOME to 2021-2022 Faith Formation**

*Our mission statement at Saint Joseph states “through our liturgy and faith formation, we build on a solid foundation as active witnesses of Christ, and we eagerly respond to the needs of the parish and global community.”*

### **Dear Families,**

The challenges that we faced in 2020-2021 are lessening and now we move forward with hope. The pandemic not only challenged us but also helped us as human persons to evaluate and reflect on what is important in life, giving us new perspectives and allowing us to focus on the priorities in our lives.

I have prayed, thought, and wondered how best to proceed after such a year. Thank you to the five families who responded when asked for your feedback. Your responses matter. Even though I cannot humanly meet the needs of all, it is my hope that the following faith formation format for 2021-2022 will prove to be enriching, faith-filled and transformational, centered in Jesus and the gospel message.

### **Faith Formation Commissioning Mass/Reception for all families and Catechetical Team Training--Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021.**

All faith formation families (grades pre-k through grade 11 are asked to attend the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, September 19, 2021 and the reception following Mass. Training for the Catechetical Team will begin at 2:00 pm that same day.

### **Liturgy of the Word for Children**

LOW will begin on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 am Mass. Children will be dismissed from church before the homily and return at the time of the presentation of gifts.

### **Grades 1-8:**

Grades 1-8 will meet on scheduled Sundays from 9:00 am-10:15 am in Heritage Hall followed by the 10:30 am Mass.

(Families sit together during Mass). Sessions will be held in Heritage Hall.

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Our first gathering is the Faith Formation Mass for all families on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am, followed by a reception and family information packet pick-up. The next session for grades 1-8 will be on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:15 am with Mass at 10:30 am.

## **Confirmation**

### **Track I: Grade 9, Track II: Grade 10, Track III: Grade 11**

Grades 9-10-11 will meet on scheduled Sundays 6:30-8:00 pm in Heritage Hall. Grades 9-10 faith formation includes parish youth not attending a parochial school. Grade 11: Confirmation Candidates for immediate preparation include all grade 11 parish youth from both parochial and public schools.

The first session for **Track III-grade 11 Confirmation parents, sponsors and candidates** is on **Sunday, September 19, 2021** from 6:30-8:00 pm. Details are included in this mailing for the grade 11 candidates and parents. This information includes the criteria for choosing a Confirmation sponsor. Please note the due date for having your sponsor's name and information completed.

*Note: Grades 9 and 10 do NOT meet on September 19<sup>th</sup>. In the evening. Grades 9-10 are asked to come for the 10:30 am Faith Formation Mass the morning of September 19<sup>th</sup>. Grades 9 and 10 will join Grade 11 on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> for the first time in the evening.*

Please complete the faith formation registration form and return it  
NO LATER THAN Friday, August 27, 2021.

**God's Blessings.** May this be a year of great enthusiasm, kindness, and hospitality toward one another.

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When we put **God** first,  
all other things fall into  
their proper place.

