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WELCOME to the 2018-2019 year of 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.”

Important Information

Dear Families,

Faith Formation for all ages continues to be of utmost importance at Saint Joseph’s. Our **baptismal calling** asks that we “nudge” each other to greatness, moving all of us into a deeper relationship with God and connection to our parish faith community. This requires a heartfelt, active, spirit-filled and enthusiastic commitment from each of us.

Attendance and participation at Mass and in the sacraments is vital for our personal faith journeys and in the life of our parish. Attending Faith Formation classes, bible study, retreats, parish, social and intergenerational events, the parish festival, reading the parish bulletins and newsletters, volunteering to help in the various ministries, are some ways to be and feel connected to the life of the parish. Be sure to stay informed regarding the offerings throughout the year via the many avenues of communication.

As a community of believers, **we have been entrusted with the wonderful gift of faith**; a faith that continually needs to be nurtured and cared for; not in isolation but within community. Just as we strive for greatness in sports or physical health, **so very important is the “work-out” for our faith lives.** Last year our focus was to **“Keep Holy the Sabbath.”** This focus, along with a strong commitment as families will be our strength as we move into 2018-2019.

The faith formation calendar for 2018-2019 is included in this mailing.

Please note

- The faith formation team Commissioning Mass, meal and workshop is on Sunday, Sept. 9th.
Reminder to all catechists, catechist assistants and support team: please send in your RSVP if you have not already done so.
(All faith formation families are welcomed and encouraged to attend the 10:00 am Mass on Sept. 9th.
The meal and workshop is for the faith formation team and their families only).
- The first session for parents and children of grades 1-10 is on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018 beginning with the 10:00 am Mass, followed by the gathering for parents and children.
- The first session for grade 11 Confirmation candidates, parents and sponsors is on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018 beginning at 6:00 pm.
Details will be sent to the grade 11 candidates and parents before October 28th.

Blessings,
Marian Bach---Director of Faith Formation