



# CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

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## WELCOME to 2022-2023 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,

With renewed spirit and hope we look forward to the 2022-2023 faith formation year. Hopefully, it will be a time when we can pick up momentum we may have lost when facing the challenges because of the world-wide pandemic. However, it will take all of us to commit to this endeavor and to actively participate in the onsite faith formation sessions as well as the at home study and accountability.

How important also is the “coming back” to weekend Masses and participating in the Eucharist and to take part in the many opportunities our parish offers.

Going forward, all faith formation families are asked to follow the 2022-2023 schedule. One thing that has been made clear is how essential being present and onsite is in creating community and support to and for each other on the faith journey. We will continue with the format we had before the pandemic. I offer this as a reminder: It is very important that all children are registered and participate each year in preparation for reception of the sacraments and for their ongoing faith formation. The previous year builds upon the next and knowing one’s faith, growing in faith will prove to be a transformative going in faith and love as authentic disciples of Christ. It is not possible to just “show up” for the year when the Sacraments of first Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation take place. I encourage full participation so that together we can fulfill the promises made at our Baptism.

### Farewell to Fr. Roger and Fr. Blane and Welcome to Fr. Brad

This month we thank and say farewell to Fr. Roger and Fr. Blane. We are grateful for their time, strength and commitment to Saint Joseph and Saint John the Baptist. Fr. Brad Jenniges will be our new pastor beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>. The parish farewell for Fr. Roger and Fr. Blane is on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at the 10:30 am Mass, followed by a reception in their honor. The parish welcome for Fr. Brad will be at the parish appreciation “picnic” on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to attend the farewell and the welcome gatherings.

### New Staff Member in Faith Formation

It is my joy to introduce the newest member to our parish faith formation. Colette Harrold will be joining me as the youth life coordinator. She will lead faith formation for grades 9-10-11 as well as the IGNITE youth gatherings for grades 6-12. Colette, along with a wonderful youth leadership team she is implementing, will bring new and exciting opportunities to and for the youth. I am delighted! Colette is a college student at Saint Benedict’s and is majoring in theology. Colette’s email: [youthlife@churchstjoseph.org](mailto:youthlife@churchstjoseph.org)

### First Faith Formation Gathering for 2022-2023—Grades Pre-K-11 Families

The Faith Formation Commissioning Mass, followed by refreshments for all families will be on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> beginning with the 10:30 am Mass. All faith formation families are expected to attend. Your 2022-2023 faith formation packets/calendars will be available at that time.

### **Catechetical Team Workshops: LOW through Grade 11**

The required Catechetical Team Training Workshops will take place following the reception and packet pick-up on the 18<sup>th</sup> in Heritage Hall.

### **Faith and Fellowship Nights**

In addition to the faith formation schedule four faith and fellowship nights will be offered. These are optional and encouraged! (Please see below).

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

LOW will begin on Sunday, September 18<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 have onsite sessions two times a month (on average) on scheduled Sundays-9:00-10:15 am) and two times at-home chapter study with the interactive reviews being sent in for accountability.

### **Grades 9-10-11**

Grades 9-10-11, students will meet on the scheduled Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm in Heritage Hall. In addition, there will be youth gatherings called IGNITE for kids in grades 6-12 as well as additional activities and events.

### **Confirmation Candidates-Grade 11**

The first session for **Track III-grade 11 Confirmation parents, sponsors and candidates** is on **Sunday, September 18, 2022**, from 6:30-8:00 pm. Details are included in this mailing. Information includes the criterion for choosing a Confirmation sponsor. It is important to send in your completed form letting us know your Confirmation sponsor by the noted deadline.

**Confirmation Candidates for immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation include all grade 11 parish youth attending parochial or public schools.**

**Please be sure to complete the enclosed  
faith formation registration form and return it  
NO LATER THAN Friday, August 26, 2022.**

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

**Many Blessings,**

Marian Bach

Director of Faith Formation

