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WELCOME to 2023-2024 Faith Formation

Our Saint Joseph parish mission statement includes the following “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,

Here it is 2023-2024! We are ready to march into a new faith formation year. What follows is an overview for 2023-2024.

First Faith Formation Gathering

The Faith Formation Opening Mass, followed by a light luncheon for all families with children in all grade levels (1-11) will be on Sunday, September 17th beginning with the 10:00 am Mass. All faith formation families are expected to attend. Your 2023-2024 faith formation packets/calendars and books will be available at that time.

Catechetical Team Workshops

The required Catechetical Team Training Workshops for grades 1-8 are on Monday, September 11th 6:00-8:00 pm and for the COR Team Leaders for grades 9-10-11 on Wednesday, September 6th 7:00-8:00 pm.

Liturgy of the Word for Children-Pre-K and K

LOW will begin on Sunday, October 8th during the 10:00 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 9:00-9:50 am. We will begin promptly at 9:00 am for all grades 1-8 in church for the first 10 minutes when prayers and practices of our faith will be shared. Sr. Alice will lead this time. Please have your children come directly to church. The remaining session time will be held in Heritage Hall until 9:50 am in time to attend the 10:00 am Mass.

Grades 9-10-11

Grades 9-10-11 will meet on scheduled Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm in Heritage Hall. In addition, there will be youth gatherings on scheduled Wednesday evenings called IGNITE for youth in grades 6-8 from 6:30-8:00 pm and youth gatherings called AGAPE for youth in grades 9-12 from 7:45-8:45 pm.

Confirmation Parents-Sponsors and Candidates-Grade 11

Confirmation Kick-Off for grade 11 **Confirmation parents, sponsors and candidates** is on **Sunday, September 10, 2023**, from 6:30-8:00 pm.

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

We do not have the actual date for the Sacrament of Confirmation until we receive the information from the diocesan office.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Parent and Child Meeting is on Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 10:00-11:30 am.

This gathering is for all parish children who will be receiving these sacraments in the spring.

First Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th 10:00-12:00 pm followed by practice for First Eucharist. First Eucharist will be on Sunday, April 28th at a 2:00 pm Mass.

Please complete the faith formation registration form online by going to the parish website and clicking the faith formation tab. www.churchstjoseph.org
(Note: the form will not be sent in the mail as in the past unless requested).

Please submit the form on or before August 25, 2023.

Good News: There is no longer a faith formation registration/tuition fee because of generous donations received for this purpose. We are truly grateful.

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

Many Blessings,

Marian Bach

Director of Faith Formation



PS. As always, please follow any updates or changes via the parish emails website and parish bulletins.