



Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

K-10 Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation

August 26, 2020

Dear Families of the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist,

We pray this letter finds you healthy and happy. We are sending this letter to families with children entering grades K-10. Please find the attached registration form for Faith Formation & Sacramental preparation for the 2020/2021.

We know the pandemic has created many challenges but your Faith Formation team at St. John's is hopeful for the year ahead and is eager to serve our parish families. Things will look different this year, but we see this as an opportunity to focus on what is important and to build up the Domestic Church. The Second Vatican Council explained that "The family is, so to speak, the domestic church."¹ This means that it is in the context of the family that we first learn who God is.

Instead of gathering students in the school building on Wednesday evenings, our approach will be more personalized by using somewhat of a "hybrid" model. We will connect with families in a way they choose works best for them. We will be offering fun activities, engaging projects, and discussion questions that align to the Sunday Mass readings. There will also be online resources for all family members available. Families will have the opportunity to come to the church for small group gatherings, to experience different prayer opportunities and outreach activities, to take church tours and to meet personally with catechists, staff, and volunteers who are anxious to share their faith, keep us connected and support you and your children in every way possible! **All will be done with all safety measures in place.**

K-8 Faith Formation will start with a material pick-up date of Sept. 28. Lessons will start with the readings from Sunday's Mass on Oct. 11th. You may choose what day works best for you to engage in the week's lesson. There will be a specific day that you will be connected to your catechist or one of our Faith Formation team members. You will receive more on that soon!

If your child is getting ready for First Confession and First Eucharist (2nd graders) or Confirmation (9th and 10th graders), you'll be receiving more information regarding preparation for celebrating these Sacraments. All Faith Formation students need to complete and mail the included registration form or register online at www.sj.org (scroll down to announcements, click on "Register for Faith Formation" update). All students in grades 2, 9, and 10 (including RCS) should register for Sacramental preparation. Students in grades K-8 who do not attend Catholic school should register for Faith Formation. If you have children in RCS and would like to register for Faith Formation, you are more than welcome. Also, if you think any of your children have "missed" a sacrament, please let us know so they can participate as fully as they are able!

¹ Constitution on the Church - Lumen Gentium, paragraph 11



We will be communicating mostly by e-mail. If you are not receiving our weekly Thursday parish updates via e-mail, please call or e-mail the Parish Office (507-288-7372 / stjohn@sj.org). Keep up to date through our website and by following us on Facebook.

Our Faith Formation Team is excited to serve you! We appreciate your support and patience as we work to best support the needs of our young people and families. We are available for your questions and open to your ideas as together we share the mission of proclaiming the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus so that it may continually resound in the heart of every person, leading us to experience the hope and embrace of Christ in every circumstance of our lives.

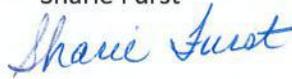
We look forward to accompanying you and your family on your faith journey!
Please return registration forms or register online by Friday, September 4th.

In the hope of Christ,

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Your Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Faith Formation Team

Enjoy some pictures from Vacation Bible School this Summer!

