

April 2019

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Enclosed are the 2019-2020 Faith Formation registration materials. Be sure to **CAREFULLY** look over the calendar as there are some changes. Please use the provided checklist to help ensure you return all the necessary forms. We also ask that you fill out any missing details and **double check** the provided information on the **registration form**.

Below is a list and short description of the available programs/classes.

**EXCITING NEWS: coming next year-  
Family Faith Events!  
Students in Wednesday night  
Faith Formation will be offered  
many Family Faith events  
throughout the year.  
Families are requested to choose a  
minimum of two events.**

- **Sunday Morning Preschool/Kindergarten:** Classes are during 10:00 Mass on Sunday mornings from October through Palm Sunday. The class is open to children who will be 3, 4 & 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Monthly Sunday Family Program:** This program is for families with children in grades 1 – 8 and takes the place of Wednesday evening classes. They meet monthly, and parent(s) attend with the child(ren). Sessions are a mix of presentations and hands on learning. Between sessions, materials are given to the parent(s) to complete with the child(ren) at home to deepen their relationship with Christ and the Church. **NEW THIS YEAR: we will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.**
- **Grades 1-10:** Classes for all grades will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:30 PM. Middle and high school students also have to attend a required retreat, usually held on a Saturday or Sunday.
- **Grade 11:** The 11<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation class will be one week in the summer. Dates and times will be available soon.
- **Sacraments:** The preparation for all sacraments begins in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Reconciliation is celebrated in the fall of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade with First Eucharist following in the spring of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. While we are preparing for Confirmation during each year of Faith Formation, the formal preparation takes place in the junior or senior year of high school. **\*Confirmation preparation begins with a Parent/Candidate meeting on May 1st. If you cannot/did not attend the meeting, please contact Anna Donnermeyer as soon as possible. \*You will receive a separate calendar for sacrament preparation.**

Be sure when filling out the back of the registration form to list the appropriate number of children in the desired program and/or sacrament your child(ren) need. Once completed, please return to the Faith Formation Office. To receive the early bird rate, the **registration forms and payment need to be returned by May 31<sup>st</sup>**. New this year: we have placed a cap on tuition fees. Families will not pay more than \$260 for tuition. **NOTE: Sacrament material fees need to be paid in addition to tuition.** As always, if these fees cause a financial burden, please contact our office and we will mail you the forms to request financial assistance.

All calendars and forms can also be found on our website, [www.stmcath.org](http://www.stmcath.org), beginning in late April.

In Christ,

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