July 2, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf Fr. Martin, Deacon Andy, Deacon Bill, our catechists and myself, I am happy to welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure your child can achieve their highest potential in their faith formation. As quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church 2223, “Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children.” And at your child’s Baptism, “You are accepting responsibility of training them in the practice of the faith.” We recognize that to be successful a child needs support from both the home and school. We know that a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child’s faith life. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children and want you to know that we will do our absolute best to carry out those responsibilities.

Presently, our schedule will be:

Grades 7-8 will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. This allows for you to attend Mass as a family on Saturday at 4:00 p.m., Sunday at 8:00 a.m. prior to class, or 12:00 p.m. Mass after class. Holy Family also offers a 10:00 a.m. Mass. Grades 7-8 will attend 10:00 a.m. Mass on September 7th, November 2nd, January 11th, and March 8th, will be seated as a group, and will be responsible for the readings, the Universal Prayer and the Offertory Procession. Children will return to the school after Mass. Please feel free to join us at these Celebrations of the Mass.

Grades K-6 will meet on Tuesday OR Wednesday from 4:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. We understand that there may be times you need to attend a different day due to scheduling conflicts. It is never a problem! We just want your children there! If you are able to let us know ahead of time, please email smarkey@youngstowndiocese.org so we can plan accordingly.

As a reminder, per Diocesan policy, your child is expected to attend eight consecutive years of CCD classes. Kindergarten is suggested, but optional.

**\*Per Diocesan policy, in order for your child to receive their sacraments, attendance two years prior to reception is mandatory. NO EXCEPTIONS\***

Enclosed please find a copy of our new schedule and registration form for you to complete and return by **August 31, 2025.** Please read the information carefully, as the registration form also serves as a Parent/Parish contract.

Thank you for your continued dedication to your child’s faith formation,

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Mrs. Marnie Kelty, DRE/YM