

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Dear Parents,

Greetings in Christ! As I prepare for the upcoming year of Faith Formation, I want to take a moment to thank you for your dedication to nurturing the faith of your children. As parents, you are the primary and most influential teachers of faith, and your example of love, prayer, and commitment to Christ shapes their journey in profound ways.

Next year, I am excited to introduce some new changes to our Faith Formation program that will further support *you* in this beautiful responsibility. *These enhancements are designed to create deeper engagement, strengthen family participation, and provide meaningful opportunities for your children to grow in their relationship with God.* While change can sometimes feel overwhelming, please be assured that the Holy Spirit is at work in all of us, guiding us as we journey together in faith.

Although the calendar is still a work in progress, I'm only planning on meeting with you and your children (1st – 7th) once a month. The remainder of the lessons will be covered by you at home. There will be many resources to assist you in this! Family sessions will be offered one week per month and you have your choice of Sunday morning beginning with 9:00 Mass, the Family Event will take place from 10 am – noon. I will also offer Wednesday evening from 6-8 pm.

Confirmation students in 8th grade will continue to meet 2 Sundays a month. They attend 9:00 Mass, then head to the classroom from 10 am – noon. **First Reconciliation and Eucharist** students will most likely meet once a month on Wednesday evenings.

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Faith is not merely taught—it is caught. Your own convictions, attitudes, and values speak volumes to your children, often in ways words cannot. By praying together, attending Mass, and living out the Gospel in your daily lives, you instill in them a love for Christ and His Church that will sustain them for years to come. Please know that you are never alone in this mission. The Holy Spirit will equip you with the grace and wisdom needed to share the faith with your children, and the catechists and I are here to walk alongside you every step of the way.

Whether you have questions, need encouragement, or are looking for guidance on fostering faith at home, I'm here to support you. I encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities that will be available to help your family grow spiritually and deepen your relationship with Christ.

I'll be sharing more details about these upcoming changes soon. May the Holy Spirit continue to lead and bless you in your role as the first teachers of faith to your children.

With prayers and gratitude,

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