

Church of St. Anthony

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

“Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if He wants anything of you, he will fit you for the work and give you strength.” Saint Philip Neri

Wednesday Night Programs -- Please reference the class schedule, included:

- **Family Faith Formation:** Kindergarten through 6th grade for **children and Parents**. Once a month we will learn together at church and then families will be given resources to learn as a family in their day-to-day lives. We will serve Dinner from 5:45-6:15.
 - ♦ **New. This year** you will have the opportunity to come together again for a second night each month to work on your at home packets. Many families have expressed their difficulties in getting the packets done, and we want to walk with you as we build the domestic church in your homes. As a Church and Family. Children and Parents will both still attend together, and this night will be specifically designed for community building and making sure packets are being completed. We will have time to do packet activities together or work on packets by yourselves. If you are consistently completing your packets at home, and can provide proof, you will not be required to come on this second night (however, you are still welcome to attend!). The time will be 6:30-7:45 pm and will not include a meal.
- **High School:** 7th-10th graders will meet twice a month for their faith formation classes at St. Anthony. (See schedule included).
- **Grade 11th Grade**, preparing for their Confirmation, will meet one Wednesday a month (6:30-8pm). See schedule for dates.
- **Youth Ministry for 7th-12th Graders:** Meeting once a month
 - Tentative dates have been noted; Please watch the bulletins, emails, and text messages for updates to come together as “friends in faith”.

Safe Environment Training: Due to diocesan requirements, all students will be given Safe Environment Training which will take place in September. If you do not wish for your child to participate, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

Registering: Please return the registration form and payment by mail, the Sunday collection, or in the basket at church marked “Faith Formation Registrations”.

Registrations are due Wednesday, August 27th

Baptismal Information: If you haven’t already submitted baptismal records for your child/ren, we will need a copy of the baptismal certificate to keep on file. Please notify the parish where your child was baptized and ask them to send one to us.

Cost: \$50 per student; maximum of \$150 per family. Please submit payment with your registration. No child will be refused because of financial reasons! Please reach out to the Faith Formation Office to request Sponsorship by a fellow parishioner.

Faith Formation Communications:

E-mail: Email will continue to be the main source of communication. Please be sure to include your best email on your registration form. You will be emailed about any changes to the schedule and about upcoming events. Faith Formation Email is stanthonywatkinsff@gmail.com

Volunteers: We have the need for more volunteers. Please prayerfully consider joining the Faith Formation Team – being a part of the program is a great way to grow in your own personal faith. Virtus Safe Environment Training and a background check will be assigned per diocesan guidelines.

Pictures: Pictures may be posted on our parish website or our Facebook page throughout the year – please notify the office in writing if you prefer that your child NOT be included in such photos.

Missed Anyone? Do you know of anyone new to this parish community that we might have missed? Please call or email Stephani at 320-764-2755 or stanthonyff@shepherdofsouls.org.

Contact the office if you have any questions. We are all on this journey toward heaven together. Please remember the Priests, teachers, aides, families and students in your prayers throughout this year and know that your family will continue to be in my prayers!

God's Blessings,

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