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Dear Families,

WELCOME to 2024-2025 Faith Formation

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has chosen as this year's catechetical theme: **"LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY?"** This theme echoes beautifully the focus of the third year's Eucharistic Revival. Namely, to **"BE EUCHARISTIC PEOPLE"** and with our parish mission statement, "eagerly responding to the needs of the parish and global community." May this year be a year when we truly reach out to each other and to those in need.

*Our Saint Joseph parish mission statement includes the following:
through our liturgy and faith formation, we build on a solid foundation as active witnesses of Christ, and we eagerly respond to the needs of the parish and global community.*

First Faith Formation Gathering

The Faith Formation Opening Mass, followed by a brunch for all families with children in all grade levels (1-11) will be on National Catechetical Sunday, September 15th beginning with the 10:00 am Mass. All faith formation families are expected to attend. Your 2024-2025 faith formation packets/calendars and books will be available after brunch that day.

Catechetical Team Workshops

The required Catechetical Team Training Workshops for grades 1-8 are on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30-8:30 pm and for the COR Team small group leaders for grades 9-10-11 on Wednesday, September 11th 6:30-8:30 pm.

Liturgy of the Word for Children-Pre-K and K

LOW will begin on Sunday, October 13th during the 10:00 am Mass.

Children will be dismissed from church before the homily and return at the time of the presentation of gifts.

Grades 1-8

Grades 1-8 will meet on scheduled Sundays from 8:45-9:45 am. Mass is at 10:00 am.

(Note the start time this year for the faith formation sessions is 8:45 and not 9:00 am). We

will begin promptly at 8:45 am for all grades 1-8. The first 10 minutes will be a fun and meaningful group activity focusing on this year's theme. On average, the faith formation sessions take place twice a month.

Grades 9-10-11

Grades 9-10-11 will meet on scheduled Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm in Heritage Hall. Grades 9-10-11 sessions are held on average twice a month. In addition, youth gatherings are on scheduled Wednesday evenings. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to the youth nights.

Confirmation Parents-Sponsors and Candidates-Grade 11

Confirmation Kick-Off for grade 11 **Confirmation parents, sponsors and candidates** is on Sunday, September 15, 2024, from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Confirmation Candidates for immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation include all grade 11 parish youth attending parochial or public schools.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 2:00 pm. Practice for the Confirmation Mass will be on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 9:00 am.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

The sacrament preparation parent and child meeting is on Saturday, February 8th, 2025, at 10:00 am. This gathering is mandatory for all parish children and their parents who will be receiving these sacraments in the spring. The Sacrament Information form will be available on September 15th. The form will need to be filled out and turned in by the due date. The immediate preparation and receiving of sacraments take place within the parish faith formation. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 10:00 am and will include practice for the First Holy Communion Mass. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday, May 4th at 2:00 pm.

For processing purposes, it is very helpful to receive all completed forms by the due date: August 30th. Thank you for completing this on time. Thank you.

**When we put God first, all other things
fall into their proper place.**

Many Blessings,

Fr. Bradley Jenniges, OSB
Pastor

Marian Bach
Director of Faith Formation

Please follow any updates or changes throughout
the year via the parish emails, website, and bulletins.