

Dear Holy Friends of God!

It is July already! I am praying that you have had some summer fun, some rest and relaxation, and a break from routine! I am also praying that you have been able to see the wonder and awe of God in the little things around you! We are doing Vacation Bible School in just 9 days! The Theme is Monumental, Celebrating God's GREATNESS! Where have you experienced a MONUMENTAL moment of God's love so far this summer? I have seen it in many ways so far this summer! In my health – I am getting back to "normal" feeling stronger and more joyful every day. I see God's Monumental love in sending us 125 children and 85 volunteers (teens and adults) for VBS!!! Double of what we have done in previous years. I have seen God's Monumental love as He showers me with His love in our prayer time. I do feel loved by God! I am so blessed! I pray for the same for you!

I want to again thank you for the ways in which you have served God, by serving His Holy People here at St. Patrick in the past years.

I would like to invite you to pray about serving again this year. Maybe it's time to change the way you serve, maybe it's time to grow in the areas you have served before. I do know that there is a lot of ministry to be done as our parish continues to grow.

Our Parish Mission: To walk with Jesus and us as a family, striving for holiness.

Our Parish Promises are to help make others feel Welcome, feel loved, to receive Jesus and to be part of the family (of God and of St. Patrick).

*We are all on this journey together. We support and help each other on our way towards heaven.*

**Fides – Faith Formation** at St. Patrick is for all our Parish family. Blessed and Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are called to share our Gifts with others. The gift of FAITH, the gift of Talents, the gift of time. God has poured His love into our hearts, so that it can overflow to others! What God has given freely to us; He calls us to share with others.

There are so many ways to be part of Fides. I have attached a quick outline of the needs for this coming year. Please look it over, lift it up in prayer, ask God to show you where you can serve Him and his people.

## **TRAINING**

As Catechists, Hospitality, Child Care and background team folks – we all need to continue to Grow in our faith and strive for a deeper relationship with God. NONE of us – has it all together in this area.

To make sure that we are all on the same page in sharing our faith with others, you are asked to attend at least one training this year.

The dates are: July 27<sup>th</sup> or August 3<sup>rd</sup> (Wednesdays).

- 10-11:30am – On-line via zoom
- 4:30-6:00pm – In Person
- 6:30-8:00pm – In Person

We will focus on three areas:

1. Sharing our Witness story: Where I was, What God did, and Where I am now. We all have a story of God, because we were created by God! As the people in the Bible, we are not perfect and our stories are not always perfect, but GOD is always there – inviting us closer to Him! Do we share our story with others? Faith Formation is a time to do that.
2. We will be using Bibles again this year. Each child/teen/parent will receive a Bible. This training will give us tools on how to help our students find scriptures in the Bible. We will also practice leading Lectio Divina – reading and reflecting on Scripture passages. What is God saying to me in this Scripture?
3. Kerygma – What is the Kerygma? It is basically the Gospel Message, the Good News. How do we help others come to understand the Gift of Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life? How do we help people grow as Disciples of Jesus?

If you cannot make the above times, there is also a Day of Workshops led by the Diocese of Austin, “ROUND UP”, that offers similar type workshops on Scripture and teaching the faith in English and Spanish – It is on August 6<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) at St. Margaret Mary in Cedar Park. (see attached flyer)

Or I will work with you one-on-one.

I want all of us to feel comfortable sharing God’s love and guiding others in Discipleship!

#### **What is your NEXT STEP?**

- Look at the roles for Faith Formation. Pray on them. Let God’s Spirit guide you where He needs your gifts! This is an invitation to follow God more closely by sharing freely what He has given you!
- Fill out the Faith Formation Team Form.  
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/StPatrickHutto1/FaithFormationTeamSignUp>
- Sign up for a Training Session. <https://forms.gle/PaGKqHjmtM7Lkrk7>

Thank you for your prayerful consideration to work in the vineyard of the Lord! We hope you are excited to join our team!

Blessings,

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