



Faith Formation Update-July 2025

Monthly Faith Formation Newsletter for July 2025

Dear St John's Parish Families,

Blessings to you and yours as we speed our way through the summer season. July brings celebrations of our country's independence, family vacations, sporting events, county fairs, hot air balloons, and music festivals. We also celebrate many saints' feast days in July, including St Thomas the Apostle, St Benedict, St Kateri, St Mary Magdalene, St James the Apostle, Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus, St Ignatius of Loyola, and Mary's mom and dad, Sts Anne and Joachim. I invite you to look up one or more of these wonderful saints and discuss them in your family.

We also remember that we are only about a month away from the beginning of the new school year. Let us recall the words of Jesus as he sent out the 72 disciples:

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Luke 10:2

Jesus tells us that there is an urgency of spreading the Gospel and the need for more people to do His work. In St John's parish, we have need for many more laborers to teach and witness to our wonderful children and families. This month's newsletter is dedicated to asking you to please prayerfully consider if the Holy Spirit is calling you to renew or initiate a commitment to teaching and sharing the Gospel with our children and families this school year.

While there is work involved, we have great teaching materials and resources for you, and there is great enjoyment and reward in being a catechist (teacher), assistant, or classroom helper.

Recall that when the 72 returned rejoicing, Jesus said to them:

"Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:20

Like the 72, we have a preaching and teaching mission. We want our names to be written in Heaven. There are very few things more rewarding and satisfying than growing in and sharing your faith, deepening and sharing your love of Christ and His Church, and increasing your fellowship with children and families in our parish community.

We will gratefully welcome teachers and helpers for all K-8 grade levels. For your service, you will receive tuition waivers for your children. For more information on teaching opportunities and how to sign up, please scan the QR code, contact me at re@stjohnsadel.org or 515-993-4590, or call the parish office.

Thank You and God Bless You!

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