



# Faith Formation Update-June 2025

Dear St John Parish Families,

I hope this note finds you and your family happily settling into your summer routine.

I know that summer is very busy and I don't wish to take too much of your time, but I do hope that you'll take just a few minutes to read and consider this note.

As I think about all the wonderful people in our parish and all our strong programs in child, youth, and adult faith formation, I'd like your feedback on how best to communicate with you about things that are happening and opportunities for your information and involvement.

Please send your feedback to me via email, phone call, or in-person visit to the parish office to let me know if you prefer one or more of the following communication formats:

- Periodic emails
- Bulletin text or inserts
- Parish website
- Other, please specify

Also, here are a few things to be aware of:

- We will be celebrating the Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) with Mass and the Corpus Christi Procession on June 22. PLEASE see the bulletin and plan to participate!

Please remember that St John's summertime weekend Mass times are the same as during the school year.

Please plan to attend weekly Mass as a family. We also have opportunities for daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Check the bulletin for details. If you are traveling, there are internet resources to help you find Mass times at local parishes everywhere. For example: [masstimes.org](https://www.masstimes.org)

- Please check the bulletin for links to the many volunteer opportunities and ministries available in our parish. There's no better way to feel part of the parish family than to get involved!

- Our parish has a paid subscription to "Formed: Forming Catholics For Life". This faith formation platform is from Augustine Institute and contains a wealth of wonderful programming, including "Summer with the Saints". Information on how to login is available in the bulletin and in the church vestibule.

Check the bulletin, the parish website [stjohnsadel.org](https://stjohnsadel.org), or call the parish office for Adult Faith Formation Bible Study, Summer Book Club, and other activities and groups.

- If you or someone you know is curious or inquiring about the Catholic Church, please check the parish website or call the office to learn about OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Finally, the next academic year will be here before we know it. Our Religious Education (RE) program for grades K-8 and high school Youth Ministry will be starting in early September. There's no better way to learn any subject, including our Catholic faith, than to teach it! Families are called to be "Domestic Churches" where the Catholic Faith is shared first and foremost. You may find that you can become a better spouse, a better parent, and a role model by learning and sharing your faith within your families and with other children and young people. If you feel the Holy Spirit asking you to consider serving as a teacher (catechist), assistant catechist, or as a classroom volunteer, please consider contacting me via email or phone. I welcome the opportunity to discuss our program and opportunities for your involvement!

Until our next communication, I pray that God will bless you and your family with a fun and safe summer! Please let me hear from you!

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