

2020-2021 Faith Formation Registration Information

What is New?

-Online Registration. This is the first time we have ever had online registration which is perfect timing since we are not in the office. Please be patient and let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Faith Formation Payments Options:

Online Payments: If you pay online for the 2020-2021 Faith Formation year, we say "Thank You"! You can do this the PayPal, Credit, Debit Card.

We will review your registration form and be in contact with you.

Check Option: To pay for your Faith Formation fee by check in one installment all at once, please make it payable to "St. Joseph" and in the Memo line note "Faith Formation 2020-2021". You can then drop it off during Parish Office hours OR mail it to the Parish with "Attn: Faith Formation Registration" (41 E 1st Street Waconia, MN 55387).

Monthly Payment Plan or Partial Payment Plan: If you indicated that you would like to set up a monthly or partial payment plan to pay for Faith Formation, please contact me to do so. You will need to turn in a check with VOID written across it or give us an credit card number, exp date, and secure code along with the date you would like to start payments, what date each month you would like withdrawals from, and the amount you would like to be paid each month. Please put this check and information in our drop box located at St. Joseph School in between the doors hanging on the wall inside the doors.

Scholarships available. Please contact me.

Family Formation (prek-5th grade) NEW:

-Family Formation is meeting 2x a month (1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the Month/Sept 9th-April 7th) 6-7:00pm in St. Joseph School.

-Family Formation (Prek-5th/2nd Gr. is TBD) Class Setting will be Classroom Stations (see a typical night schedule below):

- Whole group opening prayer, attendance, agenda, check homework (10 minutes)

- Station 1 (small group): lesson/reading

- Station 2 (small group): Journal time-"The Journey of your Faith"

- Station 3 (small group): Creative Station- music, video, craft, or game

- Whole group closing prayer, reminders, etc (5 minutes)

Each of the 2 highlighted stations will be 15 minutes long and all **pre-planned** for our volunteers!! You read that right, all lessons are **pre-planned**. Have you ever wanted to volunteer for Family Formation but didn't have the time to prepare or the confidence to deliver an hour-long lesson? Now all you need to do is show up and deliver your **pre-planned** station.

We do need volunteers to make Family Formation possible, please consider volunteering, we are working very hard to make this an easy commitment for family members to make. Feeling called now that the guesswork is gone? On your registration form, please mark that you're interested in being a Catechist Assistant, what grade level(s) you're interested in and if you're particular to a specific station. (more details below)

If you feel called to be a lead Catechist please mark **Catechist**. A lead Catechist will be responsible for opening/closing prayer, teaching the lesson which your leader's guide will walk you through, helping with student transition between stations, and a little set up/clean up before and after our sessions.

~descriptions of stations~

Again, stations 2 & 3 are PRE-PLANNED for you!

Station 1: Lesson/reading- The Catechist will need use their leader's guide and prepare the lesson. The class will be reading out of their assigned lesson books and the Catechist will teach the lesson or read the lesson if it is a younger grade.

Station 2: Journal time- students will have time to reflect on a prompt related to their lesson and either draw a picture and/or write. Each student will keep this in their classroom and at the end of the year will get their "The Journey of your Faith Journal" to hopefully look at and turn to if needed. The station leader of this group will need to help students formulate ideas, younger students will be asked to draw and write a few words where older students will be expected to write more and draw a little less.

Station 3: Creative station: this station will change each week, it will be a craft, game, video or music related to the lesson. The station leader will need to help students assemble a craft, lead students in games such as vocabulary bingo, press play on a video or do some small movements to music.

It is our hope that with this class structure change that more adults will want to volunteer!!

EDGE Middle School Faith Formation (6th-8th grade):

-Will meet weekly on Wednesdays 7:00-8:15pm in Parish Basement starting Sept 16th-April 7th.

-Visits to senior home for multigenerational visits, service events, talks with Father, small group discussion, large group learning and games, and so much more!!