

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Dear parents and guardians of our parish youth,

It is time once again to get ready for another Faith Formation year! This packet includes the required registration forms, volunteer forms, catechetical calendar, and also an outline of curriculum and student requirements.

The tuition for the 2023-2024 Faith Formation year is:

- \$60.00 per student with a cap of \$150.00 per family
- There is no fee for Grade 11 Confirmation candidates
- There is also no fee for children of catechists

If your family will have a difficult time paying the registration fees we will be more than happy to work with you. No child will be turned away.

- Classes for Pre-Kindergarten (4K) through 5th Grade begin Sunday, Sept. 24. 9:00a.m-10:15a.m. (In order to be enrolled in the Pre-K class, students must be four years old by Sept. 1, 2023.)
- Classes for grades 6 through 11 will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 20. 6:30p.m.-7:30p.m. (We will have a meal and social time before class. This is optional and no extra cost.)

Registration forms can mailed or dropped off at the parish office or add them to the collection basket during Mass. We are also accepting online registration, with payment through WeShare. Go to <https://stjosephamery.org/faith-formation/> and follow the instructions. **Please note that we need all registration forms before classes begin for liability reasons and so that we can order materials in advance.**


We are in need of additional volunteers for the Wednesday meal and social hour, and also Catechists and Classroom Aides for Sunday and Wednesday. This is a great opportunity to serve the youth in our parish and enhance your own spiritual journey.

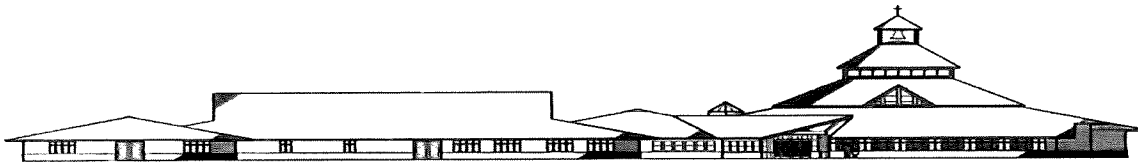
Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thank you in advance for your help in making this our best year of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry yet!

God is Great – All the time!


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2023-2024 Curriculum and Student Expectations

Catechesis is the primary responsibility of the parents, as is agreed to during their child's Rite of Baptism. We are excited to offer Faith Formation Classes that are designed to supplement and enhance the learning at home. Please take the time as a family to review handouts that are brought home.

Sunday Classes 9:00a.m. to 10:15a.m. Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5

Upon arrival, students should meet in the Social Hall on the carpeted area. Together, we will watch the Catholic Kids Media Reading and Reflection video for the Sunday Mass. Students will then be dismissed to their classes. Materials and suggested activities will be sent home with students to discuss as a family.

- Pre-Kindergarten (4K): Crafts and Activities based on the Sunday Gospel and/or Psalm
- Grades Kindergarten, 1, 3, 4, 5: Loyola Press - Finding God
- Grade 2 Sacramental Prep: Loyola Press – God's Gift
 - First Reconciliation & First Communion year has additional requirements will be discussed at the parent meeting October 11th at 6:30p.m. at St Joseph.

Wednesday Classes 6:30p.m to 7:30p.m. Grades 6 to 11

Students are welcome to come as early as 4:30p.m. They can complete their school work, socialize with others, play games, or other activities. An optional meal will be served at 5:45p.m. Upon arrival, students should meet in the Social Hall and will be dismissed to their classes after brief announcements and updates.

- Grade 6: Ascension Press – Encounter Series
- Grade 7: Loyola Press – Finding God
- Grade 8: YDisciple, Small Group Discussions
 - Assignments are referred to as Commitments. These are small tasks to be completed throughout the week and discussed at the following class.
- Grade 9: Ruah Woods, Small Group Discussions
 - Information and Readings will be sent home weekly. Students should complete the reading assignment before returning the following week for class. It is encouraged to read and discuss as a family. This type of preparation will allow for deeper discussions during class time.
- Grade 10: Ascension Press – Alteration and Chosen
 - Assignments are referred to as Challenges. These are small tasks to be completed throughout the week and discussed at the following class.
- Grade 11 Sacramental Prep: Dynamic Catholic – Decision Point
 - Confirmation year has additional requirements which will be discussed at the parent meeting on October 18th at 6:30p.m. at St Joseph.