



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Office of Children's Faith Formation

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Dear Parents,

I pray that school is off to a great start! With the beginning of school, comes the beginning of our Family Formation Sessions! Our sessions begin on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, at 6:45 p.m. For this first session, all family members—children AND parents will meet in the Activity Room (downstairs in the Parish Hall) for prayer and an introduction of our Catechists. The children will then travel with their Catechist to their classroom in the Pastoral Center. Parents will remain in the Activity Room for formation and an overview of program details, as well as to go over our September home lessons in order to get acquainted with the lesson format. We will also go over the calendar for the year and add some additional times for Parents As Mentors (PAM) and for additional family activities and celebrations. It would be wonderful to host monthly potluck celebrations for families to come together to pray and to eat and to form a community! It would be wonderful to implement family retreats and service opportunities, as well as Sainly Celebrations and opportunities for family-style Eucharistic Adoration and other Catholic devotions. This program allow us the flexibility to have those opportunities as a core part of our formation program on an ongoing basis that we have not had before. I look forward to partnering with all of our parents to make these things happen for our Sacred Heart families!

Just a reminder, if you have not turned in the Family Formation Registration forms or submitted a copy of your child's birth and baptism certificates, the September 6 session is the perfect time to do so. Since, all of our monthly Family Formation Sessions will conclude at 8:00 p.m., we ask parents to meet your child at their classroom in the Pastoral Center to pick them up. This is part of our safety plan. No child will be dismissed from the classrooms without a parent. Again, this is a sure way to keep all of our family members safe on the walk from our buildings to our parking lot.

I cannot wait to see everyone on September 6! I am excited about our new program and I am looking forward to see what God has in store for all of us as we grow together in our Catholic Faith! As always, please do not hesitate to call, come by, or drop an email if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your family!

Pease and blessings,

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