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FAMILY CENTERED FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES LEARNING AND SHARING THEIR FAITH

The oldest and newest idea in Catholic education

HERE'S HOW OUR PROGRAM WORKS . . .

- Each family chooses only ONE day of each month for class.* Can't make it for your class? Be sure to call and make arrangements to switch to another day. **KEY WORDS: Family, Faith, Flexibility and Fun!**
- Class is in session from September thru May. We attend Mass and honor God all year long!
- All age groups cover the same faith concepts, so families can share their understanding during their weekly home study. A binder of weekly assignments is provided at the beginning of the year.
- 1st-5th grade students meet with their parents, for hands-on learning experiences.
- 6th, 7th, 8th graders meet in a traditional classroom setting with their peers, while their parents gather in a different area for an adult level formation of the topic their children are studying.
- "Saints in Training" - A class combining Kindergartners and 1st Graders - will provide an option for parents who feel their 1st Graders would benefit from a more basic explanation of the topic each month. If parents prefer, their 2nd graders may also attend this class. Parents who do not have other children in the program will participate with their "Saints in Training". They also have the option to leave the room for a portion of the class to meet with a facilitator and discuss ways to communicate the faith at home to their little ones. Trinity Tots playgroup is available for 0-5 yr. old siblings at no additional cost.
- Summer Faith Formation: Continue the learning at home during the summer months by memorizing some key concepts that will be covered in the fall. Each family will receive a packet of activities that will make the memorizing easy. Also, read the "Summer Challenge" column in the bulletin each week and complete some of the activities, which will help your family understand and live the gospel message of the week. (Prizes are given to the families that complete the most Summer Challenge activities.) This summer we will offer a very exciting Catholic Summer Youth Program for 1st-12th graders.

GOD THINGS HAPPEN WHEN FAMILIES WORK TOGETHER!

- Faith becomes a FAMILY EXPERIENCE -
 - Children turn to their parents to guide them.
 - Parents learn new ways to nurture their family's faith.
- The whole family learns about our Catholic Traditions and rich spiritual heritage while celebrating their faith together, the way our Lord intended.
- You'll meet and make friends with other parish families.

YOUR COMMITMENT . . .

- At least one adult (preferably parent or guardian) attends each monthly session.
- FAMILIES PROMISE TO ATTEND MASS EVERY WEEK AND TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION REGULARLY. (Reconciliation will be offered twice a year during class.)
- Families share approximately 30-60 min. per week completing their supplemental take-home materials.
- Families perform 6 hours of "Service for God" each year. (We'll offer several *family friendly* projects for you to choose from.)
- Parents attend a kick-off meeting on Wednesday, Sept 9th, 6-8:30 p.m., which will include orientation and a guest speaker who will share Catholic parenting tips.

Feel free to call if you have questions - 630-968-5978

* (Additional Sacrament workshops, retreats and parent meetings will be necessary for 2nd and 8th grades.)