



Faith Formation

Registration: 2022-23 | Pre-K through Grade 10

St. John the Baptist Parish

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Dear Families,

Attached you will find the registration form for the upcoming school year. Please fill out and **return to the Parish Office by August 7th, the date of the parish picnic.** We plan to begin our Faith Formation year on Sunday, September 11 with mass at 8:30 AM to be followed by Faith Formation/an adult speaker from 9:20-10:30, and then Breaking Bread. The program we will be using this year will be the same as last year. It is put out by Loyola Press and is called *Finding God*. This series will be used by Pre-grade 8. Grade 2 will be using two workbooks by Loyola Press called *Reconciliation* and *Eucharist*. The 9-10 grade class will be using *Decision Point* this year. **Please remember our program is FAMILY-oriented which means parents are encouraged and almost expected to attend the adult speaker sessions.**

The dates for Faith Formation are:

Sept. 11 and 25;

Oct. 2, 16, and 30;

November 13;

December 4 and 18; December 17, First Reconciliation, 1:00 PM

January 8 and 22;

February 5, 12, and 26;

March 19;

April 2, 16, and 30; June 4: First Communion, 8:30 AM, outside mass Confirmation TBA by diocese

As I was making the calendar, I took into consideration holiday break times, deer hunting, and other holiday Sundays. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE DATES.

I would like to **thank Elizabeth Merdan** for her being the second grade teacher for the past couple of years. She is moving onto college and will be at the College of St. Benedict. Best wishes to her! **Patty and Damian Dumonceaux will be the new grade 2 teachers,** Welcome!

We need one more teacher for grades 7 and 8. This is an opportunity to learn more about your faith and share your knowledge with others. Our program relies on dedicated parents who are willing to share their faith with children. Teacher manuals and lesson plan scheduling are provided. Please consider becoming a teacher. Contact me for more information. I need you!

On the registration form this year, **a number of volunteer dates are listed. Please sign up for TWO dates.** The opportunities are helping set-up or work at the rummage sale, help with the fish fries, or prepare and clean-up a meal for Breaking Bread. Breaking Bread will take place once a month. The reason for this is because it is so difficult to find volunteers to prepare and clean-up after the meals. Please see the registration form for the dates.

Lastly, **if you have any great ideas for adult enrichment speakers** or know of someone who would be a good speaker for our sessions, I welcome your ideas. I am slowly filling spots, but could use some ideas for speakers. Your knowledge would be appreciated and welcomed by me. Let me know if you have someone in mind.

I look forward to seeing you in person as the summer progresses onward. We miss having our younger families at church. Also note, **July 31, Wandering Cow ice cream truck** will be available to purchase ice cream after mass. (Average cost per treat is about \$5.) **August 7th is our annual picnic** following 8:30 mass.

Please complete the form and return by mail or in person to the Parish Office by August 7th. I would like an accurate count for books to order for the Fall.

Blessings on the rest of your summer,

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