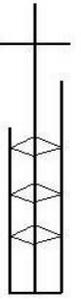




# ST. JOSEPH CONGREGATION

*Faith on Center*



It is amazing how quick times flies! It seems like I was just at orientation with you all in September and now we have closed out one formation year, and we're moving forward to the next. I'd like to thank all of you for the time and dedication you have put in to making our formation program even better and stronger in faith. There were some changes this past year, and therefore some growing pains, but we have come out on the other side closer to Christ!

With that being said, I would like to inform you about some changes coming in the 2019-2020 formation year. One thing that is changing for this formation year is the program fees for K5-10<sup>th</sup> grade. This five dollar increase will help to keep us with the most current and relevant teaching materials, along with helping catechists to plan for fun events in their classes. Along with the fun things that students will do in their classes, we want to be able to go out for fun recreational events with the entire family. There will also be times that parents can drop off their children and have adult formation and fellowship time. These classes offered to parents will focus on family formation and some more advance theology/teachings of the church. An additional fee that has gone up is the second grade sacrament fee (First Reconciliation and First Communion). This is also to offset the cost for a number of things that are provided for their journey to the sacraments.

Another thing that's changing is the time that confirmation meets. The class time is moving from 6:00pm-7:30pm to 4:00pm-5:30pm. This will allow the confirmation candidates to travel to and from the church before it gets too dark and too late. This will also give them less waiting time from morning Mass to evening classes, and will still allow them to have time to go home and complete their other obligations. The class times of the grade school, middle school and high school will remain the same, 9:00am-10:15am. (OVER)

Finally, I'd like to thank you all again for joining us as we explore and expand our faith. This formation program couldn't be what it is without you, your time, and support. I look forward to the 2019-2020 formation year and the many blessings God will pour out upon us. Along with this letter you should receive the registration forms that are due by August 1, 2019. Once we receive your registration, you will be emailed the 2019-2020 formation calendars along with other important event dates. May God bless you and I can't wait to see you all soon!

Yours in Christ,

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