

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Office of Christian Formation

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Dear Parents,

The wonder and excitement of a child learning something new; something **Catholic**, is what happens here at St. Jude's! Teaching young children about our Catholic faith and traditions sets the foundation for what we hope is a lifelong relationship with Jesus and His Church.

As the first and foremost teachers of our Catholic Faith, you made the promise to raise your children as faith-filled Catholics at their Baptism. To support and supplement your efforts at home, *St. Jude the Apostle Parish* provides a "Little Disciples" program for ages Pre K-3 through Kindergarten (our full Religious Ed program begins with Grade 1).

Our *Little Disciples* program invites your child(ren) to know and love God by learning about the world that God the Father has created. Through activities; prayer & song; crafts and stories, they come to understand the goodness of God, as well as God's love for them and their families. That love introduces them and widens that relationship to the parish; an extended family community which is there to support them and their families. Your children come to feel at home in that community, laying the **beginning** of a deeper life within our Catholic Faith.

I have enclosed the schedule of our upcoming 2023-2024 classes, along with a registration form. You may complete and email the attached form; drop it off to the Christian Formation Office (we love meeting your children!); or visit our website, www.stjudelewes.org and click on the "*Catholic Things Happen Here*" graphic off the main page.

Should you have any questions regarding our *Little Disciples* program, or any of our Formation programs, please do not hesitate to contact Michael McShane, Director of Religious Education, or myself in the Christian Formation Office (302-644-7413). We are excited to welcome your Preschooler/Kindergartner into our program!

God Bless,

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