



ST. DOMINIC'S & ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISHES
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM
GRADES 1 - 4



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Dear Parents,

Summer is nearing an end, and I hope you've had a bit of rest & fun. With the coming of Fall, it's time to register students in **Grades 1-4**, for our Faith Formation Program!

We look forward to working with you again to create a quality faith formation experience, for your sons and daughters.

This packet contains important and **new** information regarding registration for students who will be entering **Grades 2-4**.

Registration forms are available at the back of the Church for those children entering **Grade 1** and for those **new to our parish**.

Please complete the registration form enclosed. We ask that you return the form, with the registration fee, in the envelope, which we have provided. The registration fee is \$35.00 for 1 student, \$65.00 for 2 or more students. You can mail the envelope or put it in the box provided at the back of the Church.

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED & RETURNED A
REGISTRATION FORM FOR YOUR CHILD FOR THIS YEAR,
YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE ANOTHER.**

We have enclosed a Faith Formation calendar, for students in Grades 1-4, with the dates of each class; the time each grade is expected to meet; and the schedule of special Family Liturgies.

Please make special note of the **day & times** of our Faith Formation classes. We realized that the calendar was changed a few times last year. This made it a bit difficult for all of us.

Changes: Grades 5 & 6 will now be held on Tuesdays at St. Francis. This means that for those of you with children in Grades 1-4 & 5-6, you will no longer need to rush from one church to the other!

Our regular classes will run for approximately one and 1/2 hours -- from **10:30am to 12noon**.

We have also arranged the schedule so that Grades 1 & 2 are now held on the **first Sunday morning** of each month.

Grades 3 & 4 will be held on the **third Sunday morning** of each month.

There are just 2 exceptions to this: in December, Grades 3&4 will have class on December 10th, with the Family Liturgy & Pageant on December 17th.

The other exception is in February. All students will participate in a retreat day from 9:30am – 12:30pm. This retreat counts as 2 classes.

Finally, please note the dates of our **family liturgies**. They are typically held on the **last Sunday** of each month and are hosted by our Youth Council.

These family liturgies will be at 9:30am and will **count as class time**.

Students will be expected to attend this liturgy and sign-in. They will be given a special fun activity to take home that will center around the theme for that family liturgy.

Teachers are not expected to accompany students to these special liturgies.

Please review the calendar carefully and please make note of the schedule and any holiday cancellations, etc.

We thank you for your patience with the class set-up each Sunday morning. This was something new for us. In the past, masses were moved over to the church at the end of September. This gave us plenty of time to set-up & be ready for our students. This also provided a calm environment for students to enter. I know it's a very busy environment right after mass, but we will continue to do our best to pull classes together quickly and efficiently. Children who attend the 9:30am liturgy will be invited to sit in the center with some of our teachers while we set-up.

If you have any questions regarding our Faith Formation Program, please email me. We are very grateful for the cooperation and support of the students and parents and the dedication of our volunteer teachers. If any parent would like to volunteer to assist us in the program -- as teachers, assistants, or substitute teachers, please contact me.

We look forward to a wonderful year!

In His Service,

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