



Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

March 21, 2018

Faith Formation Families of St. John's Parish,

I hope that your family has had a good Lent and has been able to participate in of the many prayer and almsgiving opportunities provided through St. John's. Since next week is Holy Week faith formation classes will not meet. However, we invite your entire family to come on Wednesday night to pray the Stations of the Cross through a presentation known as *Shadow Stations*. Our high school youth will lead this beautiful prayer experience which begins at 7:30 in the church. Don't be late, because the lights will be turned off once the prayer begins.

We have little over a month left for our faith formation year. During this final time, we ask you to pray for our 29 young disciples who will be joining us at the Eucharistic Table on April 28th to receive their first communion. Also, we are looking forward to our final faith formation gathering on May 2nd. During each session, children will meet in their classrooms before joining their parents for a 4th-grade led prayer service in honor of our Mother Mary. Following May Crowning, we will end the year with a cookie and lemonade social in the Parish Hall.

Looking ahead to next year, I have **enclosed the K-8 Wednesday Night Faith Formation Registration Form(s)** with this letter. Our early session, for children in K-5th will continue to meet from 5:00-6:00. Our late session option for students in K-8th will meet from 6:30-7:30. Please note that on your form, you will choose the session time for each child. 6th-8th grade only meets during the late session. We will do our best to keep whole families together within a session time. K-5 classrooms will be limited to 12 students, so it is important that you turn your registration forms in early to secure your preferred session time. **Please note that registrations received by our last class on May 2nd will receive a \$20.00 family discount. We will have a registration table set up where you can turn in all your forms and fees before or after the May Crowning Prayer Service. The final registration date for all forms and fees is May 31st.**

Part of the registration process is returning a completed discipleship form. Our program is here because your families are here, and we are called to help you fulfill the mission of Christ. Parents *have the first responsibility for the education of their children.* (CCC 2223) The Discipleship form has a number of opportunities for you to be involved with our mission including this summer's VBS. I encourage you to pray. Discern how God is calling you to use your gifts. This form is required to complete your registration.

Finally, if you have a child entering 9th-12th grade please **do not** include them on this registration form. Families with High School students and Confirmation candidates will receive separate registration materials from Jacque Seidl, our Youth Minister and Confirmation Coordinator. If you have any questions about the registration process, our program, or how to be involved please contact me at 993-4590 or saintjc3re@aol.com.

Blessings,

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