

Middle School Parents/Guardians and Students

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are so incredibly pleased to be starting our 2020 – 2021 Faith Formation year!

Our first night will be **Wednesday, October 7th at St. Francis School Gym at 7:00 pm.**

As is true of everything else these days, things will look slightly different this year. However, we are going to try and make it as normal as possible while incorporating some changes according to state and diocesan policies. You can find these in our “Covid Policies” document at www.lakescatholic.org.

What does a Middle School Faith Formation night look like? All middle school students, in grades 6 through 8, meet most Wednesday evenings through the school year. The doors to the school and gym will be open around 6:30pm each night so kids can come in and play basketball, get homework done, or just hang out with friends. A change this year is that at 7 we will all head over to the church to spend the rest of our time together spread out through the entire building. The night officially starts at 7:00 pm, and will finish at **8:30** - which is a slight time change this year. There is typically a presentation to the entire group on a topic, and then everyone breaks into small groups for further discussion and work on the topic. Small groups are split up based on grade and gender and are led by some of the most amazing people we have in our parishes!

Another option for our families will be the At-Home learning for anyone wishing to lead their kids through our lessons each week at home. This will be done primarily through emailed lessons to you weekly. Similar to what I’ve sent out in the past, I will be putting together a basic lesson plan with a home-based presentation of the topic sometimes with videos, articles, and basically an outline of what is presented to the in-person group. This will include discussion questions and possible homework challenges. There is no true homework or testing for either the in-person or at-home option. This might be/probably will be modified as we go so that I can send to you what works the best.

These emails will continue to be available for all parents, including the in-person students so that discussion can happen at home about the topic that was discussed Wednesday nights.

Thank you for all you do as parents living as great examples of a faithful life! We are all so thrilled to be starting the year again!

May God bless you and your family with peace, protection, and strength for the following year,

Sincerely,

Brett

