

Saint Mary's Church
P.O. Box 547
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Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe, but summer is just around the corner! This means that it's time to register for St. Mary's School of Religion 2018 summer session.

Two faith formation sessions are offered for grades 1 through 7. Each session is one full week in length, beginning with 9:30AM Mass on Sunday and ending on the Friday of that week. Two additional classes that are part of the Faith Formation program are scheduled during the liturgical year rather than during the summer months. The first is during the season of Advent, and the second during the season of Lent. The curriculum will be more meaningful as the children will receive instruction on these topics during their true season.

Each cluster of grades will again be involved in the community, putting into action the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. We continue to build relationships within our community, instilling in our children the importance of volunteering our time, talent, and treasure.

Please choose the session for your children in grades 1 through 7 to attend carefully. With the religion curriculum concentrated into so few days and so much to do, attendance is very important. Perfect attendance is required to earn credit for the year of faith formation.

The sacraments of Penance and Eucharist will be offered to children in the second grade and above. The children will receive instruction in the fall and Penance will be celebrated in October. They will have a recess, resume classes in March, and receive First Holy Communion in April.

Confirmation instruction begins for students who will be entering grade 8 in September of 2018 during the summer sessions. Those students who will be entering grade 9 and have completed their first year of Confirmation preparation are eligible for Confirmation 2 classes during the summer sessions as well, and will return for additional classes in the fall of 2018.

Please fill out the registration forms, internet user agreement, and field trip form and return them to the Parish Office before the deadline, March 30, with your registration fee.

Enclosed you will find a pamphlet for you to keep with all important events and dates for each of the St. Mary's Faith Formation programs. As always, contact me (846-6057, stmarydec@aol.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Deborah Circosta
Director of Religious Education

***The mission of St. Mary's Parish is to continue the work of Jesus
Christ through worship, education, stewardship and service.***