

***St. Basil - St. Veronica Religious Education***

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Faith Formation for St. Veronica and St. Basil parishes. I am writing to share information about our Faith Formation offerings this fall, and have enclosed registration materials for the 2022-23 year. To those who have participated in our programs, welcome back! To those who are new, welcome! We hope you will take advantage of the rich opportunities that our Faith Formation offers for your children to encounter Jesus, to grow in their faith and to live a life in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**When and Where:** All classes are held at St. Basil the Great in the school building. Classes will be held on **Tuesdays, 5:30 – 6:45 pm** beginning Sept 20<sup>st</sup> for all levels (children in pre-K through grade 8). September 20<sup>th</sup> will be an **orientation day for Gr. pre-K – 5**, and at least one **parent should attend**. Please enter through the breezeway door between the church and the school.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** We are happy to offer this wonderful program for our young children. Level I is for our 4 year-olds (we will accept mature 3 year-olds who are potty trained), through 1<sup>st</sup> graders. Level II is geared toward children in grades 3 and 4. Children love this hands-on approach, and the lessons come alive for them as they lead the child to fall in love with Jesus.

**Open House:** An OPEN HOUSE will be held in the Level I and Level II Catechesis of the Good Shepherd rooms on **Sunday, September 11th, 9am – 1pm**. All are welcome, especially if you are unfamiliar with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Catechists will be available to answer your questions and to show you around.

**Sacrament Prep:** Between Level I and Level II, children prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion using the Signs of Grace materials from the Augustine Institute.

We begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and complete the preparation in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade with the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. We use the Faith and Life Series Book 7 for 5<sup>th</sup> grade preparation so as to delve more deeply into the Catholic faith and Confirmed for Mission to prepare the 6<sup>th</sup> grade for the reception of Confirmation.

**Discipleship:** After being confirmed, our young people enter our Discipleship classes which offer the newly-confirmed opportunities to use their gifts. Class sessions are a combination of Community building, growing in a better understanding of the Gospel message, praying and acts of service to the parish and the community.

**Good Shepherd Catechesis Updates:** As you know, Mary Fortunate retired this year. While we may be blessed with her presence from time to time, she will not be here every week as many of us have been used to. To invest in the ministry that she so successfully put in place, we have hired an aide, Amanda Ross, who will dedicate most of her time ministering in Atrium I and Atrium II. Amanda is a huge blessing to the parishes of St. Basil and St. Veronica, and I encourage you to give her a warm welcome when you see her.

**Registration:** Forms are enclosed for your convenience. Please return all forms by **Monday, Sept. 12th, 2022**. Payment in full is requested with registration. A \$20 fee per child must accompany the registration form if not paying in full. Tuition and fees must be **paid in full by September 30, 2022** (unless payment arrangements have been made with the Faith Formation Office). If your child is new to our Faith Formation program, a **baptismal certificate** must be included as well if the child was baptized at a church other than St. Basil or St. Veronica. Additional forms are available in the vestibules of St. Basil and St. Veronica and are also available on the parish websites: **www.stbasileastpointe.com** or **stveronica.weconnect.com**. Completed forms may be returned to either parish office.

**All checks are to be made payable to St. Veronica or St. Basil, whichever is your home parish. If you are from another parish, please make checks payable to St. Basil. Thanks.**

No child will be turned away due to an inability to pay. We are happy to work with you as needed.

We hope that you will take advantage of these many offerings. Come grow in your faith with your parish community. We look forward to serving you.

**Faith Formation Calendar:**

Aug. 15:	Registration begins
Sept. 11:	Open House for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Sept. 12:	Registration deadline
Sept. 18:	Catechetical Sunday: all Catechists will be blessed at the week-end Masses
Sept 20:	Orientation for pre-K – Gr. 5 students and parents
Oct 2:	Orientation for Confirmation in the School

God bless you,

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Mrs. Carolyn Mikula DRE