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Dear Friends,

We are writing to you today with some exciting news about upcoming changes to our ministries with children, teens, and families. As we continue to grow into our shared identity as a faith community, we will begin this summer to work together officially as one team to provide quality life-long faith formation opportunities for all ages and stages on the faith journey.

Although change is never easy, we are truly excited to be pooling our energies and gifts to better serve you by providing a robust menu of opportunities to help you and your family grow in faith. Joining our programs will allow us to do more together than either parish has been able to do separately – sharing beloved traditions with each other and finding new ways to make memories together. Here are a few important things we want to share with you as we begin planning for the 2023-24 ministry year:

- Karen, Anne, and Vicky will be present at both parishes. The relationships we have built over many years are so important to us, and we look forward to building new relationships in our shared community. You will still see our familiar faces around as we take a team approach to age-specific programming.
- For this year, most regular K-5 faith formation gatherings, including Sacramental prep for first Reconciliation and first Eucharist, will be housed primarily at St. Catherine's.
- For this year, most regular grade 6-12 gatherings, including Sacramental prep for Confirmation, will be housed primarily at Transfiguration.
- We've found that hybrid ministry helps to balance the many demands on families'
 time with opportunities to dive deeply into the faith independently while also
 forming community. Expect to see a mix of gathered sessions and at-home/online
 work in our offerings.
- You can look forward to many seasonal opportunities to pray, serve, and have fun
 together, rotating between both locations: family dinners, special events to celebrate feasts and seasons in the church year, and many more chances to deepen
 your connection with God and our community.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this transitional year. Please don't hesitate to reach out with your questions and thoughts. We look forward to an exciting year of ministry together. Please join us for informational meetings this summer as we reveal our menu of programming for the upcoming school year and are available to answer any questions you might have:

Sun. 7/9 10AM at Transfiguration or Noon at St. Catherine Mon. 8/14 6PM at St. Catherine Tues. 8/15 6PM at Transfiguration (feast day Mass is at 7pm)

Peace in Christ,

Karen, Anne, and Vicky

2023-2024 OFFERINGS



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Weekly Montessori based program

In Person Religious Ed | Family Based

2 in person classes during 10:45am Mass at St. Catherine's or 2 family sessions & Journey of Faith Family event monthly

In Person Religious Ed

2 in person classes at St. Catherine's & Journey of Faith Family event monthly

Elementary

Family Based

2 family sessions & Journey of Faith Family event monthly

Reconciliation & Communion Prep.

Sessions are completed at home and at St. Catherine of Siena for kids 7y.o & older.

Religious Readiness Program

For students preparing for 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion who did not participate in Faith Formation or Catholic School 2023–2024

Middle School Youth Group

Once a month Sunday Night session at Church of the Transfiguration

Confirmation Prep.

2-year program includes once a month prep session Sunday Night at Church of the Transfiguration, an online activity and participation in Youth Group events.

High School Youth Group

Weekly Tuesday Night sessions at Church of the Transfiguration