

St. Benedict Faith Formation Program

September 15, 2017

Dear Faith Formation Family,

Hello, and welcome back or welcome for the first time! We are thrilled you and your child(ren) will be joining us this school year. I greatly look forward to meeting each of you as this is my first year here at St Benedict's.

Here I have for you the following three items; two forms to complete and a schedule to keep....

-Faith Formation Registration Form -2017-2018 Class Schedule / Calendar for K-11 -Medical Release Form/Picture Release Form (complete one per student)

As you see first on the calendar we have our **Faith Formation Family Open House & Parent Meeting for all parents and students...**

K-11th Wednesday, September 27th at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall

Other things to know...

2-Year Sacramental Programs \sim It is very important that youth attend Faith Formation every year, but in case things have not worked out that way for your son or daughter, you need to know that it is required that they at the very least be enrolled the year prior to the school year in which they will receive a sacrament.

Sacramental Program Change~ Fr. Mark and I have made the decision to move the reception of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion to 2^{nd} grade. For some years now these sacraments have been celebrated in 3^{rd} grade. Therefore, this school year 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} graders will be celebrating these beautiful sacraments and in the years to follow it will be 2^{nd} grade. Confirmation continues to be 11^{th} grade.

Tuition ~There is a fee of \$50 per student with a maximum fee of \$125 per family. If this is a hardship for your family we can offer a payment plan, if needed; if you would like to pay a little each month or half each semester, that is fine. We would never let the inability to pay the tuition keep any child from attending the Faith Formation program. Please do communicate your needs and concerns with me.

Please return the registration form and medical release/picture release forms by Monday, Sept 25th. This will allow us time to coordinate and start preparing our sessions according to the number of registrations we receive. A \$10.00 late fee will be applied after September 25th.

Volunteers \sim We are always in need of adults who wish to offer support, share their faith and foster relationships with the youth of our parish community. If you have these qualities, please call about ways you can help this year!

We hope you are enjoying your summer and we look forward to seeing you very soon. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 262-275-2993 or email me msmith@stbensparish.org.

Peace, Molly Smith, DRE