

August 1, 2017

Dear Faith Formation Families,

As usual the summer has gone by much too rapidly. The Faith Formation Team has had a busy summer looking at the parish program needs. We are looking forward to a holy and blessed year with you and your children as they continue to study God's loving action in the life of the Church and all His people.

- We are happy to welcome Molly Wrobel as our new Elementary Coordinator.
- We will begin the year September 20th at the Parish Center at 7:00 with an evening for parents and guardians. We ask that each family is represented at this gathering.
- This year we will continue to offer the After School Program for students in grades K-5, along with our Traditional Evening Programming. The After School option will be offered for students in kindergarten thru grade 5 on Wednesdays, from 4:15 to 5:30 at the Faith Formation Building. The program is small, but fills a significant need of some of our parish families. If interested please prayerfully consider if you are able to be a catechist at this level.
- Our weekly Liturgy of the Word for young children was very successful last year, and we will continue to offer this as our Faith Formation option for young children. Young children from preschool thru first grade will be invited to celebrate Children's Liturgy of the Word at most Masses during the school year. This will be offered at the Hugo site and the Parish Community Center site of St. Genevieve's, during the 8:30 and 10:30 AM Mass. Registration is not required, all are welcome and there is no charge to participate.
- Our desire is to provide a positive and safe evening for you and your child. Please refer to the Family Handbook for Wednesday Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures and program specifics. You may view or download this from our website [www.stgens.org](http://www.stgens.org)
- Kindergarten and First Grade will continue to meet at the Faith Formation Center using the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - a very experiential way for children to explore and come to know Christ in the Gospels and in the Church. We are excited to continue to offer this program.. While this is the curriculum offered for kindergarten and first grade, younger children may choose to register. Additionally, we welcome any who would like to be trained as catechist in this program.
- Students in grade 2-8 will continue to meet at Centerville Elementary School from 6:30 - 7:45.
- Confirmation students will meet 6:30 - 8:00 Wednesday evenings at the Faith Formation

#### To Register your child(ren) for Faith Formation 2017 - 2018

- **Please fill out your Faith Formation Registrations forms.**
- **Please return forms as soon as possible.** This helps us in preparing for classes and in ensuring that we have a sufficient number of catechists, assistants and other program volunteers.
- **Consider your witness and in what capacity you are able to offer your gifts** to the children and families of this parish by volunteering - opportunities are listed on the registration form. (over)

**This letter includes** 1) a copy of the registration form for your convenience 2) a copy of the calendar with faith formation and youth activities listed 3) Faith Formation Covenant 4) payment coupons

**In addition all registration information is available on our website at [www.stgens.org](http://www.stgens.org) listed under Faith Formation**

The materials that will be available on the Website ([www.stgens.org](http://www.stgens.org))

1. **Registration form** – please fill out form completely. **Please include your email.** It is a quick way for us and your child's catechist to communicate with you and other families in the program at one time.
2. **Calendar** – this calendar is fairly comprehensive - However in the event of additions and changes you will receive that information in a timely fashion through your grade level coordinators.
3. **Family Handbook** – This handbook lays out information about our program. Please become familiar with its content. After reading the handbook, you are encouraged to sign and return the family covenant located on page 3 of the handbook with your registration materials. (*copy of Covenant included in this mailing*)
4. **Payment coupons** if needed.
5. **Family Registration Letter**
6. **Ninth Grade Confirmation Letter (Year 1)**
7. **Confirmation Letter (Year 2)**

Faith Formation Registration fees are \$70.00 per with a family maximum of \$250.00. Families not registered in the parish may enroll children for \$100.00 per child. You must register in the parish prior to receiving Sacraments or obtain permission from your current parish to enroll. **Discounts for all catechists and assistants.**

Class syllabuses will be available online by the end of September.

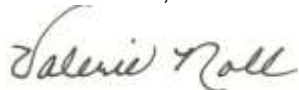
Faith Formation classes will begin as follows:

- **September 20, 2017** - Parent Evening for all families. 7:00 at the Parish Center
- **September 27, 2017** - Faith Formation - Mass and Ice Cream Social at 6:30 **All students are expected to attend with their families.**
- **October 1, 2017** - Children's Liturgy of the Word at 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses
- **October 4, 2017** - All Classroom Sessions Begin

**As always we could not provide St. Genevieve's wonderful faith formation program to you and all the families of this parish without a large number of people who give of their time, and talents. Volunteers are the backbone of our program. We pray that you will consider joining us as a volunteer in this program by becoming a catechist, catechist assistant or other assistant needed in our program.**

If you have any questions please call, Valerie Noll at 651-235-8627 or the Faith Formation Center at 651-426-1818. Thank you.

Yours in Christ,



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