

CHURCH of SAINT JOSEPH

Established 1879

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Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Dear Parents of Children in Grades K – 8,

I hope that this letter finds you healthy and well during these uncertain times. I am writing to you today to inform you about the upcoming academic year regarding our Faith Formation Program. After many discussions with the staff, we have made some temporary decisions about how we will proceed and have a variety of plans to ensure the wellbeing of your child. These plans are all contingent on how many we have enrolled in the faith formation program.

I am asking everyone who plans to register their child to do so no later than August 21st. The number of students we will have will determine how we will proceed and move forward for the year. If you and your family are not registered by August 21st, we will not be able to accept late registrations this year. For us to make the best decisions possible, we must have a hard-cutoff date. Enclosed, you will find a registration form. You can fill that out and get it to the parish office (by mail or dropping it off, we do have a 24 hour drop box) with the payment no later than August 21st or you can register online at <https://www.stjosephmandan.com/faith-formation-registration-form>. You can also pay online as well.

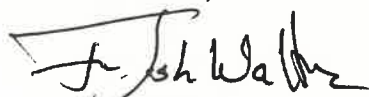
To be prepared, all children who will receive their sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation, we will need a current copy of their baptismal certificate. This can be obtained by calling the church where your child was baptized and ask them to send a copy directly to us at the parish. If your child was baptized at the Church of St. Joseph, we will take care of those for you.

I will be meeting with the staff again once all the registration forms have come in and are counted. Once we have decided on a plan, e-mails and letters will be sent to each family.

Even though there are many uncertainties we are excited to be able to continue to help your child and your family on your faith journey. While we are on our break, I strongly encourage you all to attend Mass, Adoration, or work through a family study on FORMED.ORG. As parents, you are the primary educators of your children in the faith! I am happy to provide you and your family the tools you will need to continue to educate them to the best of your ability.

Please know of my continued prayers for you and your family. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the parish office at 701-663-9562.

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