

Holy Family Parish
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August 30, 2019

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, Karen Coughlin, our Faith Formation Director for the last 13 years, passed away August 14th. She will be greatly missed by our Parish family. We have a team that worked very closely with her in the past that have formed this year's curriculum until we are able to hire a new DRE. We will be starting the weekend of October 19th/20th to allow an opportunity for everyone to register and to CORI all teachers and volunteers before classes begin.

I am writing you so you can begin to make some plans for faith formation classes. The schedule for Faith Formation is as follows:


Classes will begin the weekend of October 19th and will conclude with the weekend of April 25th/26th.

Saturdays	9:45-10:45 am	Grades 1 & 2
Sundays	10:15 am-11:15am	Grades 3-6 (and optional Kindergarten)
	11:45am-12:45pm	Grades 7-9
Wednesdays	6:15pm-7:30pm	Second option for Grades 3-6. This option will be a new format in which class will be held in the church for the 4 grades together in which they will have a Eucharistic focus, but following the curriculum.

For those who are concerned about some conflicts a few times in the year with sports or other activities, it would be your responsibility to make time to go over the lesson with your child on the weeks they miss (and they will show their teacher the work completed the next time they come to class).

Also, those who have a child in grades 1-8, you can choose to teach your son or daughter at home (parents are the primary educators of their children and some parents have found home schooling helped them grow closer to their children, as well as grow in their own faith), but one must use the curriculum we are using. If one decides to go this route please contact Tracey before October 1st so she can order extra teachers' manuals.

Please remember that as important as the classes are, they are never more important or equal to the weekly Sunday celebration of the Mass. Sadly many are not making the effort God calls us to keep the third commandment and this has many long-term effects on the faith of those not attending Mass faithfully. Please always make this the top priority when it comes to fostering the faith of your children (and your personal faith as well).

With my prayers,

Fr. Richard Wilson