



SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL CATHOLIC PARISH

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We feel truly blessed and excited to begin our ministry here at St. Katharine Drexel Parish. As Directors of Faith Formation, we will be touching base most often within our *Living In Faith Together (LIFT)* program, which gathers families with children in Grades K through 8 this year. The Diocese of Pittsburgh is requiring all faith formation programs to meet in person effective for the 2021-2022 formation year. We will follow all protocols issued by the Diocese of Pittsburgh regarding the ever-changing Covid-19 virus. If you have children who are eligible to receive First Penance, First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, we will also be spending more time together in separate programs.

Please see the attached schedule for details and specific dates of our gatherings. The themes are specific to the materials we will be using and are accompanied by textbooks for all the children by specific grade level. The books, along with our monthly sessions, cover the Four Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Creed, Sacraments, Moral Life and Prayer and special seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. We will be using books and resources from Loyola Press entitled *Christ Our Life: Family Catechesis*.

The Church upholds parents as the primary educators of their children in our Faith. It is our goal as your directors to fully support parents and guardians in this role. During the time we spend with you monthly, we will strive to assist you with ideas, structure, and simplicity, so your families will enjoy what you are doing together, and more fully experience God at home and everywhere you go!

Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to the parish no later than Wednesday, September 8th, 2021, along with \$55.00 fee per family. If the fee presents a financial burden, please contact us as soon as possible. No one will be turned away due to financial hardship!

Our first session is Sunday, September 26th, 2021, beginning promptly at 9:00 AM. At least one parent/guardian should attend with children. Remember, we will feed you! Wear a mask, please. Social distancing practices will be in place.

We are asking for volunteers to assist in many ways with the program. If you would like to serve as a classroom aide for the catechist (clearances are required) or if any teens would like to volunteer during LIFT sessions, your help would be most welcomed. Please indicate your interest on the registration form.

For those of you with children preparing for reception of First Sacraments (Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation), specific information and a schedule will be sent to you in the future. See you on September 26th, and if you have any questions or concerns, please email us directly.

Blessings,

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