

Hello, Families:

I am excited to announce that I will have the opportunity to work with all of you this year in our Faith Formation journey! I am even more excited that we can once again meet face to face.

You may have noticed in the signature line that this email is coming from a new name. Stephen Richert resigned from his position in the spring and I have taken on his role in our parishes. For those of you who may not know me, my name is Julie Schmidt. I moved to Bellevue in 2000 and have been around ever since. I have served as a teacher, school counselor, asst. principal and coach throughout my time in education. I have been serving our parishes in the role of Confirmation Director, High School Faith Formation Instructor, and HS/MS Youth Minister since 2008, and I look forward to this next adventure.

I grew up in a large family (nine siblings), so I understand the strains on families when it comes to "time", and how to split it when young people have so many activities and parents have more and more obligations. Because of this, families will be given three options for K-5 Faith Formation programs this fall and the fall semester of Middle School (6-8) will take place at the same time/date as the High School program (One Sunday night per month.) My hope is that your family will be able to choose the Faith Formation program that best fits your lifestyle. Please pray over these options and discuss with your family which best suits all of you, and once you have decided, please email me and let me know your choice. If none of these options work for your family, please indicate that and I will come up with an individualized plan for you. I have attached the temporary schedule for each of the programs to this email.

Kindergarten Faith Formation is optional, so if you would like your Kindergartener to be included, we will offer Kindergarten Faith Formation in the Family Faith Nights option only.

Faith Formation Options for 2021-2022:

1. Family Faith Nights: Open to grades K-5.
2. Classroom YFF: Open to Grades 1-5 only. Wednesdays after school until 5:00- Julie will walk students from Bellevue Elementary to St. Joseph Church for classroom style instruction September 8th- November 10th. (Class will not be held on early out days.) Then the remainder of the year is with family.
3. Homeschool: Open to grades K-8. Parents take home books and work with their child. Julie will do a check in three times throughout the school year.

Finally, because we will be offering multiple options for Faith Formation, it will take more volunteers than in the past. If you are available to help lead a classroom after school on Wednesdays or on the once/month Sunday night for middle school, please let me know. (All schedules are attached and can also be found on the church website [www.sjandspp.com](http://www.sjandspp.com).)

Attachments:

Option #1 Schedule

Option #2 Schedule

Option #3 Schedule Middle School Schedule

Family Registration Form

Student Liability Waiver

\*\*If you have moved away or attend another church, please let me know you are no longer interested in receiving Faith Formation information and I will remove you from the list.

Have a great day!

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Julie A. Schmidt

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