

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

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Adult Faith Formation

On January 21st we continue our Saint Monica Lecture Series. **“Bad Things Happen to Good People”** We will follow this lecture with 3 group discussions about the Book of Job. The discussion will be open to all interested and we will offer it twice on Thursday January 24th and 31st; February 7th at 9am and 7pm. We will open the morning discussion group with Morning Prayer at 8:30am. We ask that you read the selected text prior to the discussion groups. It is not mandatory that you attend the Lecture but will help you gain more understanding prior to the discussion groups.

On Tuesday Evenings January 15th, 22nd and 29th Father Kelly will resume the modules that we began in the fall. The class on January 15th will be presented on video tape with workbook and discussion. The classes on the 22nd and 29th will be lectures more deeply exploring the Catholic Church and its Moral Teaching.

We will begin teaching the **Foundation LIFE level** on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in gaining a Basic understanding of the Catholic Faith this will be the perfect introduction course. This will be explained in detail on Jan. 16th.

High School Faith Formation (9-12)

If your High School youth attends a public school it is necessary that they attend Faith Formation. We will begin these classes on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm at the Bullard Building. We will meet every Wednesday starting on January 16th. We will be discussing topics that are relevant to your youth's faith and will strive to keep the topics fresh and exciting.

Middle School Faith Formation (6 – 8)

Starting in January the Middle School program will no longer be meeting on Saturday nights at the TK Gorman Gym. We have been preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation on most of these evenings but I have seen a sharp decline in the attendance of public school youth. Starting on January 16th we will begin meeting at the Bullard building along with the K-5 Faith Formation classes. The groups will be divided into grades and they will be working from the Faith First series.

The remaining Confirmation Prep Courses will be moving to Sundays and we will meet 3 more times on January 13th, 20th, and 27th. I will teach these classes at 4pm on the Sundays listed above at the Bullard building. If you have any questions or concerns about these changes please Contact me at the above phone number or email address.

Elementary School Faith Formation (K-5)

Classes resume on January 16th at the Bullard Building at 6pm. Parents please mark your calendar for this first meeting of the New Year so that I can let you know of some of the changes that will be taking place. We will meet in the auditorium at 6pm and your children will be going to the classrooms no later than 6:10. One parent is required to be at this meeting if you have a child attending these classes. If you have any questions please let me know at the about phone number or email address.

Sacred Heart Kids Club

We will have a meeting on January 18th starting at 6pm and ending at 10pm. All catholic and public school kids are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please call or email me at the above places.

Sacramental Preparation Classes

On Wednesday January 9th I will be having a mandatory parent meeting for the classes that will begin on January 20th. These classes are for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 2nd grade children. The Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist 3rd grade children. And the Sacrament of Confirmation 5th grade children. It is required that children attend 8 sessions for the preparation of the sacrament in addition to either attending the Catholic school system or attending Faith Formation on Wednesday nights if your child is in the public school system. We will be offering classes at 4pm on Jan. 20th; Feb. 3rd and 17th; March 2nd and 30th; April 6th and 20th; and May 4th and 18th. There will be a second mandatory Parent meeting on April 27th at 4pm at the Bullard Building. All classes are held at the Bullard Building. If you have any questions please let me know at the about phone number or email address.