

Blessed Sacrament Parish Catholic Community

Office of Faith Formation

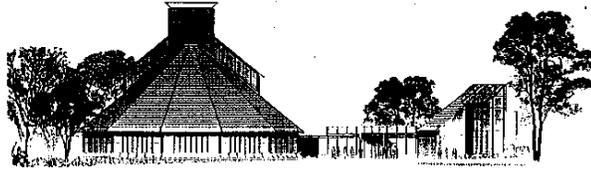
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Dear Parents/Guardians of K~8thGrade Students,

Welcome to Blessed Sacrament Faith Formation for the 2017-18 school year! I am excited to begin this new year and encourage your participation and input concerning your child's Christian formation.

I remind you that according to diocesan and church guidelines, First Communion formation is a two year process which begins in first grade! Confirmation is meant to be received as the culmination of 8 years of formation. 8th graders attend both Sunday morning FFS and evening Confirmation sessions. Please be aware that extra catechesis is necessary if there is a significant gap in your child's faith formation.

The opening meeting for families is on Sunday, September 17, at 10:10 AM in Reagan Hall. All K~8 students and at least one parent should be present at this meeting as we begin our new year together. We will meet our catechists, pray together with Fr. Eisweirth, and possibly have a shortened first session in the classrooms.

Enclosed you will find the FFS 2017-18 calendar listing the class sessions and times and registration forms. Extra registration /medical forms are available in the gathering space after all the masses, in the parish office, or online at bspcc.org. This year's fee remains at \$45 per child with a family maximum of \$110. **Always know that our policy is that no child or family will be kept out of formation if finances are a concern!! You may register through the mail, the weekend of Sept. 9/10 in the gathering space, or in the parish office (8:30-4) on or before September 13.**

❖ **Please try to turn your forms in before the parent meeting in order that we can have class lists prepared for our catechists!!**

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at the parish office or email me. Also, if you are no longer attending Blessed Sacrament and want to be taken off our registry and data base, please call the parish office and inform our secretary, Nancy Higham.

We also need to update our data base, especially for preschool and Kindergarten children. Parents of 5 and 6 year olds, please see the green insert and call us with corrections and updates about the grade level of your child. This year we will **not** have weekly FFS for preschoolers, due to the addition of the "Stories and Scripture" sessions which are now offered seasonally to families with preschoolers!

We look forward to this year of **FFS (Faith Formation Sessions!)** and offer prayers for an enjoyable end to summer and a smooth transition into the new school year!

Sincerely in Christ,

Brenda Antenucci, DRE

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Stories and Scripture

A parish-based opportunity for pre-school children and their families

Dear Families with preschool age children:

The years between a child's baptism and the beginning of formal religious education are an important time for fostering the religious imagination and formation for your pre-school aged children. With this in mind we are now offering a special story and fellowship time for families with children who are between the ages of 3-5!!

We are excited to be involved with this diocesan wide initiative and will be offering sessions seasonally (approximately 4 times/year) at Blessed Sacrament on Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:15, during our regular FFS time. The sessions last year were fun and rewarding for all! The children immediately began asking when the next story time would be!!

The leaders, Maggie Gintner and Sue Shader, read a children's book, provide a way to connect the stories with the world of our faith, lead a craft activity and families enjoy a snack together ! This is a family activity so one parent or grandparent needs to stay with your child.

Please look for a flyer and sign up sheet in the gathering space and the parish office. There will be further notices in the bulletin, and expect a onecall invitation!! We are excited to have your family's participation for this special Christian story time experience!

Look for upcoming sessions which will be advertised in our bulletin and the gathering space!

Thank you for all your efforts to share our faith in Jesus with your children!!