



Church of Saints Peter and Paul/RSPCC
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Dear Elementary Faith Formation Families (Grades 1-5),

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Blessings on your vacation activities! It's time to start preparing for a new school year. Enclosed is information regarding Elementary Faith Formation Sessions. As you will notice there are quite a few changes this year! We welcome Chad Bauer and his family to our parish. Chad will work with the 10-11th Grades and Youth Ministry. Sherry Braegelmann will work Faith Formation for Grades 6-9. I will be taking on the responsibilities for Elementary Faith Formation (referred to now as EFF) for our RSPC Community. This will include Grades 1-5 and First Reconciliation and Communion among other programs. I also have a new email address (childrensministry@rspcatholic.com) and a new way of communicating with families through Flocknotes. **Sign-up instructions are on the attached registration form.**

If you have children in the upper grades you will need to register separately with Chad and Sherry.

If you have a child in Grades 1-5 (and those receiving First Communion this year—Catholic school also) then this is the letter and form for you. The program for Grades 1, 3-5 will be offered twice a month much like last year: Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM at the school. Calendars will be available online and by flocknotes after registration are complete. Parents are encouraged to participate in the program. See below for opportunities to help.

The First Reconciliation/Communion program is not a school but parish program. Parents and children meet together for large group gatherings, at home and in small neighborhood groups. Please see below for your Orientation night. More information will be given then. Our schedule is not quite complete yet but will be emailed once you register.

Please complete and return the two-page registration form. I will email them to all families for whom I have current addresses. If your email has changed or you are new to the parish you can also go online.

REGISTRATION FORMS

Enclosed are the 2018-2019 Faith Formation Registration Forms for Grades 1-5 ONLY. This includes First Reconciliation/Communion. If you also have children in the upper grades and or receiving Confirmation this year, you will receive a separate form from our new Youth Minister and Director for Grades 6-9.

EFF Registration Due

Grades 1—5 registration forms are **due in the office by Monday, August 20**. This includes those receiving the sacraments—see below. We will not have an open house night this year. Please mail or drop off your forms to the Faith Formation Office by this date. (Please note anyone receiving a sacrament must also fill out a Baptismal Form)

First Rec/Communion Parents & Candidates: Monday, October 1 -6:30-7:30 PM LLGathering Space

Orientation is for parents **and** candidates. **Your child must be registered by August 20**. Please note this is a Parish (not school run program) and both the Catholic and Public School families attend together and register through the Formation office, not the school. We will meet in the lower level of the new gathering space.

Children's' Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word for young people ages 4-Grade 2 (or not yet having received First Communion) will begin again during the Sunday 10:00 am liturgy. The children gather during the Liturgy of the Word to reflect on the readings at an age-appropriate level with trained leaders. We will begin on Sunday, October 1, and run through the end of April. We do not meet on various holy days such as Easter and Christmas. **We are in need of youth in grades 7-12 to assist as aides.** Training will be offered in September.

Volunteers Needed

Catechist/Aides Needed: We are always in need of catechists to teach and echo our faith. Training is available, as well as many wonderful resources and materials. Grades 11 & 12 are welcome to teach or assist as aides, in addition to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and the parish community at large. Please consider those in your life who need encouragement to answer the call to serve in this ministry. If you would like to help but cannot commit to teaching please consider being a substitute or an aide. We also need assistance for chaperones for retreats and office help.

Grade 2 Neighborhood Group Leaders Needed: These individuals lead small family groups for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. Please mark the registration form or call the Faith Formation office if interested in helping. More information will be provided.

Parent Involvement

Passing on the faith is a cooperative undertaking of both the parish and family. Our church has come to understand the pivotal role parents have in passing on the faith to their children. Therefore it is paramount that we continually grow in our own faith as well. We want to support you in your role as best we can. When you fill out the forms please consider volunteering in whatever capacity you are able. Even the smallest job benefits everyone and makes our program strong. If you have any questions regarding schedules, programs, or if you have a hardship with fees please feel free to contact me.

The Faith Formation Office is located in the lower level of the Gathering Space. Please note office address and phone # above. When you mail in forms please address to Saints Peter and Paul Parish—EFF or Children's Ministry. Feel free to call or drop by and visit anytime!

Yours in Christ,

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