

## CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI FAITH FORMATION

“A place where children learn, see, and become the face of Christ”



Dear Parents:

Greetings to you all! I hope that you are enjoying your summer! Can you believe that it is already time for us to start thinking about faith formation classes beginning? There are a few things I would like to call to your attention as we begin this new year of classes.

Corpus Christi will once again offer the convenience of online registration, including the option to pay your fees online. Please go to [www.corpuschristibismarck.com](http://www.corpuschristibismarck.com) and click on the Formation & Education tab to get started. We will accept registrations for Corpus Christi members ONLY from August 6<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> (must be a registered member by 7/31/18). Then, our Open Enrollment period will run from August 25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. Due to a lack of teachers in our Catechesis atriums this year, we will need to cap the number of students we can accept and therefore, registrations will be accepted on a first come/first serve basis. You are welcome to use the forms in this mailing to register your children. Please complete all of the required information and return the forms with your faith formation fee to the church office before August 31, 2018.

Included in this mailing is the faith formation calendar for Preschool through Grade 8 children. Please hold on to this calendar for your records. All special dates are listed on the calendar to help eliminate confusion. ***\*\*Please note that our Wednesday night Classes will be offered for an hour and a half every other week. We hope this will help accommodate all of our children, while still allowing us adequate time to teach them all they need this year. As an added benefit, your family will have some free time every other week. ☺ You will receive an email letting you know which group your child is in and the date that your classes will begin. Sunday morning classes will follow the traditional weekly schedule that we have used in the past. \*\****

Our Faith Formation Kick Off is on Sunday, September 9th, 2018 from 5:00-7:00pm. This year, our Faith Formation Kick off will be held at ***Papa's Pumpkin Patch***. We will be serving a light supper and admission is free to all of our Faith Formation families. Please come enjoy a relaxing evening with us and experience all that Papa's Pumpkin Patch has to offer.

### **Preschool through Grade 5 children:**

***Preschool thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade*** will be in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. We began this programming with our pre-school students in the fall of 2010, and we have been able to expand it into our primary grades now. All children ages 3-5 who are potty trained as well as all children in Kindergarten will be in the Level I Atrium. Our Level II Atrium is available to those children entering 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade this year. Our Level 3 Atrium will be open for our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has truly been a gift to the children of this parish as well as the catechists who get to work with them. We will offer *SIX* atrium sessions this year: Sunday morning from 8:30-9:30am & 9:40-10:40am as well as Wednesday's from 3:30-5:00pm, & 6:00-7:30pm.

### **Middle School Faith Formation:**

Middle School Faith formation will meet one Wednesday of every month from 7:00-8:30pm. The dates of the sessions are listed on the calendar and bordered on the individual calendar dates. We will be offering Middle School Youth Ministry programming on Wednesday nights as well. Please watch the bulletins/wall slides for more information regarding our youth ministry activities.

### **Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation Faith Formation:**

Our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will be receiving a separate mailing with information regarding their individual programs for the upcoming year.

**Volunteer Activity:** Please note the volunteer activity section of the registration form this year and choose at least one way that you will volunteer to assist us in our faith formation program. Please prayerfully consider becoming trained in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd programming. ***We are short 8 teachers for our atriums this year.*** Your help is valued and needed! Thank You!!!

Please contact me at 255-4600 with any questions or concerns.

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