

Faith Formation

Fees: There is a \$25 fee for all students in all grades. Please pay at registration and make checks payable to St. John's Faith Formation

Absence: We strive for maximum attendance each week. Faith is an ongoing process and children need the consistency of attending classes on a regular basis throughout their school years. If your child will not be at class due to illness or other legitimate reasons, please give the teacher a call so they are accounted for.

Bad Weather: Cancellation of Faith Formation will be announced on KDSN radio in Denison, KCIM radio in Carroll, and the Ar-We-Va schools will be notified if school is in session at the time of the cancellation. If the school cancels classes or lets out early due to bad weather, there will be no Faith Formation classes that day.

Discipline: The teachers are volunteers and parents need to stress to their children that teachers should be treated with respect. Each student is required to respect each other, to behave in a courteous manner, and to settle disputes without violence. They are expected to walk in the church and classrooms at all times, and to care for the church property and possessions. Things belonging to others are not to be taken. Any misconduct will be reported to parents. If a child is repeatedly disrupting the class, a parent will be required to attend class to assist their child.

Complaint Procedures: If there are any concerns, they should be directed to your child's teacher or to the Director of Religious Education.

Parent Expectations: The Church reminds us, that you, the parents, are the primary catechists of your children, both by word and example. It is important that you model the behavior and example you want your child to manifest. They need to know that prayer, rituals, and the liturgy are an important part of your life. We ask you as parents to:

- 1) Stress the importance to your child of learning about his/her faith by talking about and taking an interest in what was done in Faith Formation class. Model learning behavior by participating in adult education opportunities when possible.
- 2) Help your child actively practice his or her faith by attendance at Sunday, Holy Day Masses, and daily prayer.
- 3) Accept primary responsibility for the religious education of your children. Religious education classes are a support to what is happening in the home to nurture the faith of your child.
- 4) Re-enforce the Faith Formation teacher's attempt to maintain a teachable atmosphere in the classroom. The teacher has a right to be respected by your child and proper conduct in the classroom.
- 5) Encourage good attendance at Faith Formation.

Substitute or Assistant Teachers - - ARE ALWAYS NEEDED. We welcome any parent's help in the classroom. Please let your child's teacher or the DRE know if you can help out.