

St. John's Faith Formation Program

2016-17 School Year

K-6th FAMILY FORMATION, new and improved!

New to Family Formation This Year:

- **Families will gather at St. John's the first and third Wednesday of every month.** The first Wednesday, students will go to their classrooms and the parents will listen to a witness talk with a short lesson on catechesis. There will also be more time for the parents to socialize.
- **Third Wednesdays families will do service projects with St. John School parents.**
October: Homeless kits
November: Advent wreaths
December: Caroling at Schule Haus and bingo with residents
January: Care letters for the elderly
February-April: TBD, send us your ideas!
- **Second and Fourth Wednesdays Louis Hall will be open.**
Families are welcome to do home lessons with other families or on their own. After families finish their lessons, games will be available for family fun night.
- **Tip sheets with lesson.**
A definition sheet and tip sheet on ways to engage your children on particularly hard lessons.
- **Pizza dinner at 6pm on the first Wednesday. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**
Pizza will be sold for a \$1 a slice before Family Formation in Louis Hall. Volunteers are needed to order pizza, money collection, set-up and cleanup.
- **Family Formation Mass the first Saturday from November to April. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**
Each month a grade from family formation will be responsible for taking part in the different parts of the Mass: greeters, servers, ushers and possibly lectors. One additional volunteer is needed to help organize.

7th & 8th Grade

Since we finished *Decision Point* last year, this year 7th and 8th grade will use the *Encounter Bible Study* the first Semester and *Theology of the Body for Middle School* during the second Semester. New this year: classes will meet every Wednesday of each month.

9th & 10th Confirmation Prep

Confirmation is a two-year program with the *Chosen* curriculum. New this year: classes will meet every Wednesday of each month. The first Wednesday the students will attend off-site service projects or listen to speakers:

- November 2: Loaves and Fishes(8) / Sandwich making with Hope with rest of group
- December 7: Children's Hospital Kits and Clean Church
- January 4: OPCY
- February 1: TBD: Mental Health/Suicide Speakers
- March 8: Ronald McDonald House / Cooks for Kids Two Locations
- April 5: TBD: Passion of the Christ Video
- May 3: Work at Cub Foods - Bag Groceries - Donate to Food For the Poor

YDisciple is an extension of Wednesday night programs open to 9th-12th graders. This ministry is for teens desiring to grow deeper in their faith and walk closer to Christ. Small, gender specific, discipleship groups offer study, service, social and prayer opportunities. Small groups meet on nights that work best for the group.

High School Youth Ministry

SJB Youth Group meets Sundays nights from August to May. Our youth room is a perfect escape from busy lives with opportunities to hang-out with friends, shoot pool, play air hockey or a game of ping-pong. It's also a chance to talk (or listen) to real world conversations about our lives. Prayer, study and action are all key to sharing our life in Christ. Registration is not required to attend Youth Group. Check Facebook (St. John's Youth Group) or Twitter #jtowncatholics for upcoming dates and events.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **REGISTRATION DUE September 1!** Please return the registration form or register online at www.sbjordan.org under Faith Formation. Registration must be received by September 1st in order to assure delivery of curriculum, purchase supplies and planning for volunteers.
- **September 14:** Catechist training
- **September 21st | 7pm:** Faith Formation Kick-off Parent Meeting
We encourage 7th and 8th graders to attend with their parents. Confirmation students are required to attend to hear important Confirmation information after the speaker.
- **September 28th | 7pm:** First class for 7th-10th graders.
- **October 5th | 6:30pm:** Our first Family Formation night including students.

Our primary method of communication will be through email. Be sure to give us the email addresses that you most frequently use. Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket at Mass, sent to Faith Formation office or dropped off at the parish office, along with your tuition payment.

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Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

Our program is dependent on volunteers!

K-6th grade Catechists and Co-Catechists

St. John's kindergarten through sixth grade classes are held once-a-month on the first Wednesday of the month. In addition to the monthly Family Formation night, kindergarten through sixth grade volunteers are required to attend a monthly volunteer training.

7th-10th Grade Catechists and Co-Catechists

Volunteers receive a curriculum and training to prepare for a rewarding experience with material that practically teaches itself. Volunteers lead small, gender specific classes to help foster relationships with class discussions and sharing.

Hall Monitors

As a hall monitor you would collect attendance sheets, make last minute copies for catechists when needed and watch the front doors. We need volunteers during Family Formation on the first Wednesdays and 7-10th on the other Wednesdays during the month.

Sacrament Prep Workshops/Services

Confirmation Retreat, First Reconciliation Workshop and First Communion Workshop are three events in need of extra helping hands. The Confirmation Retreat is in the planning stages, The First Reconciliation and First Communion are held Saturday mornings.

Hospitality: Snack & Treats

During the year, we often are in need of snacks/treats. Volunteers would be asked to bake a batch of cookies, bring a bag of chips, or beverage etc.

Parish Mission Volunteers

We are in the process of booking a parish mission speaker at St. John's. This takes a lot of hands in order to get off the ground with ticket sales and advertising six months in advance. Time requirement: 2 to 3 hours a week. This is not to be confused with a Parish Mission Trip.

Youth Ministry

As a Youth Ministry volunteer you would help with Sunday youth ministry nights, Wednesday pre-class youth room throughout the year.

Prayer Warrior

The most successful faith formation programs are those that have prayer warriors praying specifically for the students and parents while classes are in session. Requesting prayer from 7-8pm or 6:30-7:30pm every Wednesday.