

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH

September 3, 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome to a new year of Youth Faith Formation, or YFF. Father Lavelle, the catechists and volunteers, and I are all very excited to begin a new year of learning, growing, and developing a closer relationship with God. We have some creative learning experiences planned for this year.

Classes begin on September 13th at 10:05 – 11:20 am. All classes will meet in the Family Life Center. I ask that everyone be patient and careful in the parking lots the first few weeks as parishioners adjust to the children returning to classes.

Here are a few important notes and reminders:

- ❖ Children in grades Kindergarten through 4 should be walked to and picked up from their classroom, for safety purposes.
- ❖ Please use the **main double doors at the front of the Family Life Center**. The side doors will be locked to ensure the people who come into the building *should* be coming into the building.
- ❖ As an additional safety precaution, the doors will be locked at 10:10 am and unlocked at 11:18 am. Volunteers will be at the doors during class time. We will be reviewing additional security precautions to continue to ensure the safety of our children and volunteers.
- ❖ There will be signs and volunteers directing you to classrooms.
 - Kindergarten, room 3
 - First Grade, room 1
 - Second Grade, room 2
 - Third/Fourth Grade, room 4
 - Fifth/Sixth Grade, Youth Room (off the gym)
 - Seventh/Eighth Grade, Gym
- ❖ If you need to pick up your child early, be sure to let me know via Remind, email, or in writing before Sunday. Please, do not give a note to your child's catechist. I need to let the Door Guardian Angels know to let you into the building and get your child from class.
- ❖ The September Newsletter and updated handbook for 2026-2027 will be sent home this week.
- ❖ Snack Sunday will be the second Sunday of the Month, starting this month. I will be sure all snacks are allergy safe for all our children, based on the information provided on the registration packet.
- ❖ Attendance at Mass is an integral and essential part of faith formation. We ask for a minimum of more than half the Sunday Masses for the year (including summer) for Mass attendance. Mass cards are available at the doors as you enter church.

Please be sure to contact me in writing (email or Remind are best) with any updates, absences, early dismissals or questions. I cannot remember when someone tells me something verbally.

God bless,



Miss Fessler