

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH

September 6, 2023

Dear Families,

Welcome to the new year of Youth Faith Formation. Father Lavelle, the catechists, and I are all very excited about our new faith formation program for our young people. Together with you, we believe that our young people will truly experience the beauty of learning about our faith and how to be disciples of Christ in the world.

September 10th is our first class. It is going to be very different from what some of us have been “used to” in the past. I ask that everyone be patient and work with all of us as we work out the “kinks” of the new program, especially drop off and pick up.

Here are some important things to know to help make the first week a little smoother.

- ❖ Because we have an *extremely* busy parking lot, **ALL** children from Kindergarten through 6th grade are to be walked into their classrooms and picked up from their classrooms.
- ❖ Please use the **main double doors at the front** of the *Family Life Center* only. The side doors will not be unlocked.
- ❖ Please use the **south double doors** for entrance to the *Parish Hall*. If you are coming from 9 am Mass, you may use the gallery as well.
- ❖ As a safety precaution, the doors will be locked after classes begin (approximately 10:15 am) and unlocked before classes end (approximately 11:10 am). There will be a volunteer at the doors during class time.
- ❖ Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2, 7-8 will be in the Family Life Center. Grades 3-4 will be in the Parish Hall (upstairs). Grades 5-6 will be in the lower parish hall.
- ❖ Please remember that the parking lot will be very busy when you arrive to pick up your child after class. Parishioners will be arriving for 11:30 Mass.
- ❖ Mass Cards will resume on September 9th and 10th. Be sure to have each child fill out his or her own card and put it in the collection basket.
- ❖ The first Parent session is moved to September 17. Admittedly, it sounded like a good idea back in May, but logistically the second week is a better plan.

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

God bless,



Miss Fessler