

August 2024

Dear Faith Formation parents,

If you are at all like me, you resist and avoid anything that detracts from the enjoyment of summer and forces us to look to fall. But, eventually reality kicks in, or the calendar becomes too obvious to ignore. We're at that point.

So, here I am inviting you and your child (or children) to our 2024-25 Faith Formation program. Faith Formation will begin Wednesday, Sept. 18 with a Family Formation Kick-off. We'll begin in church at 6:30. We'll pray and then the children will go to their classrooms to meet their catechists for the year. Parents will remain in church for an overview of the year.

No major changes are anticipated in the Grade 1-8 program, except that we will begin at 6:30 and conclude at 7:30. We'll talk more about that during the Kick-off meeting.

If your child is in Second Grade, part of their preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion is enrollment in Faith Formation or Newman Catholic Schools. We'll share more in a few weeks about sacramental preparation.

Registration is now under way. A pre-printed registration form is included with this letter. You can also register at eastsideparishes.org and click the Faith Formation tab.

We begin this year without a Faith Formation director, with Michelle Fischer having left that position last month. However, our dedicated team of catechists is returning and Fr. Slowiak and I will be engaged as well in our Wednesday night gatherings. We are confident this will be a good year of helping your children grow in faith.

If you have any questions now or in the year ahead, please contact us at faithform@eastsideparishes.org or 715-842-4283.

Peace,

Fr. Jom

Fr. Tom Lindner, Pastor