

SS. Charles & Helena

To Parents and Guardians of Faith Formation Students,

The 2016-17 school year is almost upon us. It is time to register your children for Faith Formation. I have discussed several options for the upcoming school year with the Education Commission and Fr. Ken. We have made a few changes that I will outline in this letter. Included in this packet, along with this letter, is the calendar for this year, a family registration form and health forms for all the children we have on file. If you need more health forms or an extra calendar, please visit the church office or email me at youthministerssch@catholicweb.com or go to the church website.

The following changes have been made for this coming school year.

- We moved the faith formation class day back to Thursdays.
 - o PreK-4th grade: 5:30-6:30p.m.
 - o 5-8th grade: 6:45-7:45p.m.

- We have brand new formation textbooks. **The new program is called *Alive In Christ* and is published through Our Sunday Visitor.** Each student will now have a workbook sent home with them each week, along with a folder that they must have with them in class. The workbooks provide both in class and at home activities and a parent section to review with your kids. There will be a replacement cost for the book if it is lost.

- We are also instituting a 5 missed class limit policy. If your child misses more than 5 classes, he or she may be at risk of not moving on to the following grade the next calendar year. To have an adequate understanding of the material, it is necessary to be present at class. If you have a personal conflict that arises, please notify me of the problem and we can attempt to find a solution.

After reviewing attendance and discussing difficulties with families, it became clear that we needed to make changes to accommodate the needs of our families as well as provide a strong learning environment. These were the most glaring needs. Families found it difficult to balance, work, Mass, school and sports functions, as well as finding time to have any family time with faith formation on the weekends. The change to Thursdays represented the best opportunity to try and avoid those conflicts as much as possible. We broke up the grades into two time frames to try and avoid some of the school conflicts. After speaking with many coaches and the Athletic Director for schools, it became clear that most school practices end prior to 6:30p.m. We want to accommodate busy parents and kids as much as possible, knowing full well that there is no perfect time or date.

The new faith formation program is very exciting. We found it necessary to offer an upgraded program complete with workbooks that kids can take home and continue learning which also includes parent sections. Please feel free to visit the website to check everything out at www.osv.com. They also offer a digital version of the program which is worth a look.

We are very excited to get this year started! Please contact me with any questions

Justin Rose

DRE and Youth Minister

Faith Formation 2016-17

Session dates and events

DATES AND TIMES CHANGE FOR THIS YEAR

PreK-4th grade will meet from 5:30-6:30

5th-8th grade will meet from 6:45-7:45

September 15th

September 22nd

September 29th

October 6th (Safe Sheep training for K-4)

October 9th* 8th grade children's mass All 8th grade must be present at 11:00 Mass

October 13th

October 20th

October 27th

November 3rd NO CLASSES

November 10th

November 13th* 6th&7th grade children's mass All 6th & 7th grade must be present at 11:00 Mass

November 17th

November 24th NO CLASSES

December 1st

December 8th

December 15th

December 22nd No regular class, but there is a Nativity practice for all grades at 5:30

December 24th 4:00 p.m. children's nativity presentation at Mass

DECEMBER 29th NO CLASSES

January 5th NO CLASSES

January 8th Reconciliation Retreat 1- 3:00 including lunch for 2nd grade and parents

January 12th CLASSES RESUME

January 14th 1st reconciliation 11:00a.m. for 2nd grade

January 19th NO CLASSES MLK week

January 26th

February 2nd

February 5th* 4th & 5th grade children's liturgy All 4th and 5th grade must be present at 11:00 Mass

February 9th

February 16th NO CLASSES President's Day week

February 23rd

March 2nd

March 5th 1st communion retreat 1-3:00 including lunch for 2nd grade students and parents

March 9th

March 12th* 2nd & 3rd grade children's liturgy All 2nd and 3rd grade must be present at 11:00 Mass

March 16th

March 23rd

March 30th Protecting God's Children for Faith Form. 5-8

April 6th NO CLASSES Spring break

April 13th NO CLASSES Easter week

April 20th

April 27th

April 29th 1st Eucharist 5:00 Mass for 2nd grade at 5:00 Mass

May 4th FINAL CLASS (TEST DAY FOR 5th & 8th Grades)

MAY 7th MAY CROWNING ALL

STUDENTS PLEASE ATTEND 11:00 MASS

SAINTS CHARLES & HELENA

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM 2016-17

TUITION

One Child: \$55

Two Children: \$110

Three (+) Children: \$160

FAMILY INFORMATION

Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Email (most frequently checked): _____

Facebook: _____ Twitter: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

ADULT(S)

Name: _____ Name: _____

Maiden: _____ Maiden: _____

Catholic (Y/N): _____ Catholic (Y/N): _____

Reside with Child (Y/N): _____ Reside with Child (Y/N): _____

Registered in Parish (Y/N): _____ Registered in Parish (Y/N): _____

STUDENT(S)

Name: _____ Name: _____

Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____

Baptism: _____ Eucharist: _____ Baptism: _____ Eucharist: _____

Reconciliation: _____ Confirmation: _____ Reconciliation: _____ Confirmation: _____

Enrolled Last Year? _____ Enrolled Last Year? _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____

Baptism: _____ Eucharist: _____ Baptism: _____ Eucharist: _____

Reconciliation: _____ Confirmation: _____ Reconciliation: _____ Confirmation: _____

Enrolled Last Year? _____ Enrolled Last Year? _____

Information Helpful to Teacher: _____

I am interested in helping with the Faith Formation Program (please circle): Catechist Aide

*If your children were not baptized at SS. Charles & Helena Church, a copy of each child's Baptismal Certificate will be needed for our files.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE REGISTERED:

TUITION:

AMOUNT PAID:

HEALTH HISTORY AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM
FOR PARISH PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Participant's Name _____ Sex _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____
Parent/Guardian _____ Relationship to participant _____
Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Telephone () _____ Work Telephone () _____

HEALTH HISTORY

Family Doctor _____ Telephone Number () _____

IMMUNIZATIONS (Record YEAR of last immunization or last time person had disease):

Tetanus/Diphtheria _____	Measles _____	Mumps _____
Chicken Pox _____	Rubella _____	Polio _____
TB _____ (results) _____	Hepatitis B _____	Other _____

SPECIAL INFORMATION: (Please check all that apply. Information will be held in strict confidence.)

Sleep Walking _____	Fainting _____	Dizziness _____
Blackouts _____	Asthma _____	Kidney Problems _____
Frequent Nosebleeds _____	Frequent Colds _____	Seizures _____
Severe Headaches _____	Diabetes _____	Severe Homesickness _____
Frequent Earaches _____		

ALLERGIC REACTIONS (Please list all known allergies - plant, insect, food, medicine AND TYPE OF REACTION):

Please indicate any other medical problems/situations pertinent to your child:

Any physical limitations? _____ If yes, explain _____

Any emotional/psychological limitations or reactions to be aware of? _____ If yes, explain:

Is the student presently taking any medication? _____ All medication is to be well labeled with clear, concise directions indicated here (frequently, dosage, etc.):

In an **EMERGENCY**, and if unable to reach parent/guardian, we should contact:

1. Name _____ Telephone Number () _____

2. Name _____ Telephone Number () _____

PLEASE FILL OUT BOTH SIDES