

ST. PETRONILLE FAITH FORMATION

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Dear Faith Formation Family,

Our Faith Formation program begins on Wednesday, October 3rd for Grades 1 through 8. Class assignments will be sent separately via email the week before classes begin. Class assignments are not available at this time because we **still need to fill a number of classrooms with catechists:**

- 4:15pm Session – 3 Grade 1 co-catechists, 3 Grade 2 co-catechists, and a Nursery Helper
- 6:00pm Session – 1 Grade 1 co-catechist
- 7:30pm Session – 1 Grade 6 catechist
- Sunday Morning Miracle – 1 P3 co-catechist and 1 P4 co-catechist
- Prayer Partners – 4 Prayer Partners at 4:15pm and 2 Prayer Partners at 6:00pm

If you are available during your child's session, we ask you to prayerfully consider joining the Faith Formation teaching team and filling one of these very important volunteer spots!

On October 3rd, please:

- **Print and bring your child's classroom assignment letter with you.**
- **Bring your child's supplies with you.**
- **Bring your child to class and then attend the Parent Orientation in the Parish Center.**
- **Follow the First Day directions below.**

(Sunday Morning Miracle families will receive a separate letter. It begins Sun., Oct. 14th.)

You should have received your **Parent Handbook** by email (attachment to the same message as this letter). Please review the contents before the first night of class. We will ask you to sign and return an acknowledgment page that evening and this form is needed for our parish audit (Handbook includes *Standards of Behavior for Those Working with Minors*; *Revised Pastoral Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors*; *Understanding & Preventing Child Sexual Abuse*; *Internet Safety for Children & Teens*; *Sexuality, Chastity & Our Youth*; *Sex and Cell Phones*; and the *Parent Guide to Understanding & Preventing Child Sexual Abuse*).

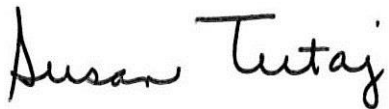
This year, to strengthen our partnership with all families and forming your "disciples", we will continue our Family Faith events; invite Grade 1-8 parents to come to a grade level parent gathering; encourage the completion of session reviews with your child (Gr 1-6), as well as to pray regularly as a family and attend Sunday Mass. Any time you visit our campus during class, please sign in and out at our office at 425 Prospect (Door #6). **Please never open any other doors while class is in session for the safety of all of our children.**

Supplies

Children should bring a sturdy bag for books and handouts plus:

- Grades 1-2:** Pencil pouch, 2 pencils, 1 box crayons (any count), 1 glue stick, sturdy bag for books
- Grades 3-5:** 1 folder with 3 prongs, pencil pouch, 2 pencils or pens, 1 glue, 1 box of crayons or washable markers (any count), sturdy bag for books
- Grade 6:** Catholic Faith & Family Bible (received in Grade 5), pencil pouch, pens and/or pencils, colored pencils and/or washable markers, 1 glue stick, 1-1" 3-ring binder with 50 sheets of lined notebook paper, sturdy bag for books
- Grades 7-8:** Catholic Faith & Family Bible (received in Grade 5), pencil pouch, pens and/or pencils, colored pencils and/or washable markers, 1 glue stick, 1-1" 3-ring binder with dividers marked: "iPray"; "Mini #1"; and "Mini #2" and 50 sheets of lined notebook paper, sturdy bag for books
- Grades P3-K:** All supplies for our youngest learners will be provided by the Faith Formation Office, but each class will be asked to bring specific supplies to be shared by all Faith Formation classes. Many thanks for your help! Please bring to your Open House on October 14th.
 - P3 – 1 box of washable markers
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 - K – 1 box of Kleenex or 1 roll of paper towels

We look forward to beginning this year's journey in faith with you and your child!



Susan Tutaj
Director of Faith Formation

If anyone wishes to donate any of the items listed above, we will provide them to children whose families have financial need; just drop off donated items at the Faith Formation Office. If you are in need of donated supplies for your Faith Formation student, please contact Susan Tutaj.

First Day Instructions

GRADES 1-5

PARK AND ENTER DOOR #2. BRING YOUR CHILDREN INTO THE BUILDING AND UP TO THEIR CLASSROOMS ON THIS FIRST DAY. After delivering the students to their classroom, parents will meet in the Parish Center. At the parent orientation, we will be sharing an overview of our curriculum; What's New for this Year; the ins and outs to drop off and dismissal for the safety of all our children; how to complete the unit reviews; and you will have an opportunity to sign up as a classroom helper or substitute. *Because of all the information you will be receiving, please make child care arrangements for younger siblings or call our office at (630) 858-3796 x4000 to see if there is room in the nursery.* New parents to the program in Grade 1 will then meet with Mrs. Tutaj, while parents in Grades 2-5 will go to their child's classroom. If the Catechist ends early, it may be possible for the children to be dismissed with their parent earlier than 5:30 or 7:15pm. **Dismissal will be from the classroom this first day, and no students will be brought down to the back parking lot or Glenwood.** Please be in attendance this first day to help us ease the anxiety of our Catechists and students.

JUNIOR HIGH (GRADE 6)

PARK AND ENTER DOOR #2. BRING YOUR CHILDREN INTO THE BUILDING AND UP TO THEIR CLASSROOMS ON THIS FIRST DAY. Students must bring the Bible they received in 5th Grade to class as well as their supplies. Parents will then meet in the Church for orientation. *Because of all of the information you will be receiving, please make child care arrangements for younger siblings or call our office at (630) 858-3796 x4000 to see if there is room in the nursery.* At the end of orientation, Grade 6 parents will be sent to their children's classrooms. If the Catechist ends early, it may be possible for the children to be dismissed with their parents earlier than 9 p.m. **Dismissal will be from the classroom this first day and no students will be brought down to the back parking lot or Glenwood.**

JUNIOR HIGH (GRADES 7 and 8)

PARK AND ENTER DOOR #2. BRING YOUR CHILDREN INTO THE BUILDING AND UP TO THEIR iPRAY CLASSROOMS ON THIS FIRST DAY. Students must bring the Bible they received in 5th Grade to class as well as their supplies. Parents will then meet in the Parish Center for orientation. *Because of all of the information you will be receiving, please make child care arrangements for younger siblings or call our office at (630) 858-3796 x4000 to see if there is room in the nursery.* At the end of orientation, Grade 7 and 8 children will be sent to the Parish Center to pick up their parents. If the presentation ends early, it may be possible for the children to be dismissed with their parents earlier than 9 p.m. **Dismissal will be from the Parish Center this first day and no students will be brought down to the back parking lot or Glenwood.**

SUNDAY MORNING MIRACLE

We will begin on Sunday, October 14th with an **OPEN HOUSE from 9:15-10:30am.** PLEASE USE THE ENTRANCE AT 425 PROSPECT AVE. (DOOR #6) ONLY!

We ask you for this Sunday only to arrange your worship so that you may attend the Open House with your entire family anytime during that 1 hour and 15 minutes from 9:30-10:30am. Your time at the Open House can be as little as 15 or 30 minutes depending on how much time your child needs to get comfortable with the classroom. Our Catechists will not be teaching on this day as all activities will be parent directed. This is a day for our Catechists to welcome your child so that they can have a great first class on October 21st. Beginning on October 21st, please drop off your SMM child at 9:15am to their classroom and pick them up immediately after Mass from their classrooms. The **2nd floor tunnel** will be locked during class for your child's safety; the tunnel will be open at 9:15am so that you can travel to church and reopened at 10:30am so that you are able to pick up your child, so please do not leave Mass early! Our Catechists will teach until Mass is over. **Please ONLY use the Education Center (425 Prospect – Door #6) or the 2nd floor tunnel (by the Music Room) for entrance into the school on Sundays.** We need your help! **All other doors including, all Hillside doors, must remain locked for the safety of your children.** Thank you for your help in keeping our campus locked!