

ST. PETRONILLE FAITH FORMATION

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Dear Faith Formation Family,

Our Faith Formation program begins on Wednesday, October 2nd 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 – 1 Gr. 1 and 2 Gr. 2 co-teachers; 1 Gr. 3 catechist; Art Teacher
- 6:00pm Session – 2 Gr. 1 co-teachers; 1 Gr. 6 catechist
- 7:30pm Session – 2 Gr. 6 catechists; 2 Gr. 7 catechists; 2 Gr. 8 catechists
- Prayer Partners – 4 at 4:15pm and 1 at 7:30pm

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!

As you are aware, our offices have moved from the Education Center entrance to the Parish Office suite (Door #3 at 420 Glenwood Ave.). We are still ironing out the logistics of Wednesday nights working from a different part of the building, not within the footprint of the school. At the very least, late arrival and early dismissal procedures will need to change for the upcoming school year. You will receive a separate note with the assignment letters detailing the new plan. We will also review the new procedures at our parent meetings on the first night of class. We want to make sure that Wednesday nights run smoothly and that parents and students can always access us when needed so we ask your help in reviewing the new procedures closely as soon as they are available.

The majority of communications from the Faith Formation Office will be via email, usually from the faithformation@stpetschurch.org email account. This includes your family's class assignment letter. Please make sure that you add us to your safe senders list so that all of our messages reach you and do not get routed to your spam or junk folders. Messages are sent to the email addresses listed on your family registration forms. If you have an additional email address you would like to add, simply contact Maura Canzano at canzanom@stpetschurch.org.

On October 2nd, 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 (pg. 3).**

(Sunday Morning Miracle families will receive a reminder email the week before Sun., Oct. 20th.)

You will receive the **Parent Handbook** by email with your family assignment 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*).

Family participation is essential to the success of your child's Faith Formation. Here are some of the best ways to do this: attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, pray as a family, say grace before meals, encourage frequent reconciliation (and have a treat afterward as a family!). Help your child come prepared for class, review assignments and readings, stay up-to-date with what they are learning, contact your child's catechist or the Directors if you have questions, and participate in grade-level parent gatherings.

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, 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, 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 20th.
 - 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!



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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 Maura Canzano.

First Day Instructions

GRADES 1-6 (4:15pm, 6:00pm and 7:30pm Sessions)

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.* Parents will then be dismissed to their child's classroom. If the Catechist ends early, it may be possible for the children to be dismissed with a parent earlier than 5:30, 7:15 or 9:00pm. **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.

GRADES 7 & 8 (7:30pm Session)

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.* Parents will then be dismissed to their child's classroom. If the Catechist ends early, it may be possible for the children to be dismissed with a parent earlier than 9:00 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 20th with an **OPEN HOUSE from 9:15-10:30am.** PLEASE ENTER THROUGH DOOR #2 (PARISH CENTER) ONLY! **You will proceed past the Parish Center through the 2nd floor tunnel (by the Music Room) to the classrooms.**

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 9:15-10:30am.** 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 27th. Beginning on October 27th, please drop off your SMM child at 9:15am in 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 access the classroom and return to church, and reopened at 10:30am so that you are able to pick up your child. Please do not leave Mass early! Our Catechists will teach until Mass is over. **Please ONLY use 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!