

*St. Augustine's Church
Office of Faith Formation
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Dear Parent(s) and/or Grandparent(s),

It is time once again for registration for Faith Formation Classes for children who will be in SEEDS/K and Grades 1 & higher this fall!

Registration for Sacramental programs (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation) is **separate and will take place beginning in the fall**. If you have a child who will be preparing for one of these sacraments, you will receive a mailing as the time for preparation draws near. **The child is expected to have participated in parish faith formation or Catholic school religious education classes for at least one year (i.e. First Grade) before he/she begins direct preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Your child **MUST** attend a Faith Formation class, a home study through our parish or attend a Catholic School to be invited for sacramental preparation.

It is our expectation, and hope, that your child(ren) have been previously involved in the liturgical life of the parish faith community by regular attendance at Sunday Eucharist with you. For more information about our Mass schedule or any upcoming events, we encourage you to visit our parish website, stagustinesparish.org or read our weekly church bulletins. Please be assured that our parish warmly welcomes all parents, grandparents, guardians and children to pray with us. At St. Augustine's we truly believe that *ALL ARE WELCOME*, and we hope your child(ren) will feel comfortable here in our classrooms and in the church with you.

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION ON THE FRONT AND BACK OF THIS LETTER THAT PERTAINS TO YOUR CHILD. YOU MUST RETURN THE FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM *IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE PLACED IN A CLASS.*

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR ALL CHILDREN:

The registration fee is \$30.00 per child/ \$75.00 maximum per family if paid BEFORE July 31, 2018. AFTER July 31, 2018, the fee increases to \$40.00 per child/\$100 family maximum. Please call me at our Faith Formation Office if you are not able to pay the fee at the time of registration. Nobody is ever turned away for inability to pay and we are more than willing to work with your needs, whatever they are at this time.

SEEDS/K

Classes are held during the 10:30 Mass. SEEDS/K is for children who are ages 3-5 or in preschool or will be in kindergarten in Fall 2018. We use *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* as our learning resource and children are encouraged to attend weekly. Parents attend the 10:30 AM Mass where the child(ren) are escorted back at the end of the Liturgy of the Word (around 10:55 AM).

CHILDREN IN GRADES 1 - 5

Sunday class time is from 9:15AM - 10:15AM. We use *Be My Disciples* (RCL Benziger) for our learning resource. Children attending classes need to attend on a regular basis and please be on time. Missed work needs to be obtained from the catechist and completed for the next class. We understand that there are some situations that might occur where a student will miss class more frequently (i.e. parental visitation weekends, chronic illness.) Please just indicate on the registration paperwork or email me at kskinner@staugustinesparish.org or call 638-0864. Together, we can discuss what options will work for you, your child(ren) and the catechist(s).

CHILDREN IN GRADES 6 - 10

There are two semesters of classes, one beginning September 16/17 and one beginning January 27/28. Classes will be scheduled for Sunday after the 10:30 AM Mass (11:30 AM – 12:45 PM) and Monday evenings from 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM. Please select which class time you prefer. If you are not familiar with our program for Grades 6 & higher, please give me a call at 638-0864.

What is Summer Faith Formation?

- For students entering Grades 6-10 Fall 2018
- August 6 - 9 from 9 AM to Noon
- Student must attend all four days.
- Equivalent to one semester of Faith Formation
- One additional semester (Fall or Spring) required
- Relaxed format, lots of group learning experiences
- Some time for recreation built in
- Summer learning is fun learning!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN

YOU MUST fill out the enclosed family form and return to the Office of Faith Formation. No fee is required. This information is necessary for Sacramental purposes and other mailings we send to children about events happening at our parish.

CHILDREN REQUESTING HOME STUDY:

Home study will be allowed to any child, providing past home study requirements have been met. You must register for home study and return the family registration form and fee. If you have any questions, send me an email at kskinner@staugustinesparish.org or please give me a call.

Yours in Christ,

Kristine Skinner
Faith Formation Associate

Enclosure.