



# Corpus Christi Parish

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Dear Parents,

It is time to begin our Faith Formation year! As you may have heard our program is experiencing many changes. Elaine Gordon, our long-time Parish Catechetical Leader, has decided to retire after 38 years of service and ministry in our parish! Throughout the many years she has offered her gifts and talents as a teacher and principal in St. John School and as Faith Formation Director for our parish. Hundreds and hundreds of children and their families have grown in their faith because of her tireless dedication and sincere commitment to all she has undertaken. She leaves an indelible mark of love with us all! Our prayers are with you, Elaine, for a blessed, well-deserved retirement!

As our parish moves forward, we will spend the upcoming year evaluating our life-long faith formation program for our children, youth, teens, and adults, seeking new and innovative approaches to this ministry. In the interim we are offering the following programs:

## **Kindergarten through grade 5**

Enclosed please find the registration form for our programs. Please fill out the form completely including the back side which has all emergency contact information and return it to the above address by Sept. 19. Our registration fee is \$20.00 per child, \$35.00 for grade 2 (Sacrament 2) sacrament students. Indicate your preference from the following session choices:

- **Sunday Morning Classes at the Faith Formation Center in Winslow**  
Classes will begin on Sun., Sept. 23 from 8:30-9:45AM. Please take note of the class dates as listed on the "Refrigerator Card" enclosed with this mailing. Students will be separated by age groupings and instruction is led by trained volunteer catechists.
- **Monday Afternoon Classes at the Alford Center in Waterville**  
Classes begin on Mon., Sept. 24 from 3:00-4:30PM. Please take note of the class dates as listed on the "Refrigerator Card" enclosed with this mailing. Students have the option of riding the bus from their elementary schools (please arrange details with each individual school) to the Alford Center where they are given a snack upon arrival. Children are then led upstairs to the conference room for class session. This is a multi-age session led by an experienced catechist and an assistant.
- **Family Life Program at Notre Dame Church in Waterville**  
This program meets once each month from 3:00-5:00PM and is designed for the entire family. Again, please take note of the class dates as listed on the "Refrigerator Card" enclosed with this mailing. Parents, together with their children, participate in these sessions that consist of varied activities, lessons, and projects.
- **Home-based Formation**  
If you prefer to teach your child at home please contact me at the above address for materials.

## **Junior High Youth Ministry for grades 6-8**

Junior High Youth Ministry sessions are held twice each month from 6:00-8:00PM at the Faith Formation Center in Winslow. Please refer to the "Refrigerator Card" for the dates. These sessions include discussions, video, and service projects to actively engage students at this grade level.

### **High School Youth Ministry for grades 9-12**

Our high school students will continue to meet Sundays at St. John School from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Various other activities throughout the year will be announced in the bulletin. For more information about High School Youth Ministry, please call Gayle Martin at 968-3518.

### **Sacramental Preparation—Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist**

Our Diocese requires that the Sacramental preparation process will be a two-year process of classes for the students and separate meetings for all parents as well as retreats and activity days. Students in the first year of this process (typically grade 1) will be called Sacraments 1. Those in the second year of this process (typically grade 2), who have completed Sacraments 1 successfully, will be called Sacraments 2. If your child is past grade 2 please contact me so we can discuss how to best prepare him/her to receive the Sacraments. **All parents of students in the Sacrament 1 and Sacrament 2 program need to attend an initial information meeting on Nov. 27 at 6:00PM in the hall at Notre Dame Church.**

*If you can help us by teaching a class or being part of a team at any of the above grade levels, please call us at the office as soon as possible.*

Parents are the primary educators of their children in all aspects of their development, including their Faith Formation. We are eager to help and support you any way we can. Please feel free to contact us if you need some assistance.

We look forward to seeing you and working with your children in our programs.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Suttie  
Pastoral Life Coordinator