

# ST GEORGE CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

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Dear CFF Families,

It has been a busy month and I apologize for this late October letter. We are still processing new students, sacramental information and dates, as well as having our classes underway. To date we have 109 students enrolled in the program on their way to become disciples. We have dedicated catechists and subs in place. Our Hall and Traffic Monitors are doing their best to keep everyone safe.

We have begun our new Special Needs Class with a very dedicated catechist who has a background in therapy and assisting with Special Needs children in the public school system. Please know, that if your child needs a break from the traditional classroom setting, or needs time to step away from his or her class we have that as an option as well. This could alleviate classroom distractions for others in the class and give your child a breather. Let us know if you would like to make particular arrangements for your child's needs.

I feel that our parent meeting in September went well. Many concerns were addressed from both my perspective and parent perspectives. It looks like we have the making of a very good year. I will do my best to continue to update you via email as events come up. On that note we are moving our communication system to Constant Contact format. This will give us the opportunity to send out texts and quick emails when necessary to keep you in the loop. This format should also eliminate some of the challenges with people not receiving our notification due to certain media conflicts.

This past week we had a beautiful Prayer Service led by our 6<sup>th</sup> graders. We prayed the rosary together as October is the Month of the Rosary. Many of the children walked up into the sanctuary holding a candle that represented one of the beads on the rosary. When it was all over, we were the Living Rosary. This picture is just a sample, there are other pictures on our website and in next week's bulletin. We will have another Prayer Service in November and you will get an invitation via email again. We love it when our parents come and pray with us!



I mentioned in my September letter that we will be having Grade Level Family Masses. Due to the situation with our Music Ministry that is on hold for now while the staff is searching for a new Music Director.

Parent involvement is essential for us have a well-run program. I would like to begin a Parent Panel this year. This panel will be a large part of creating new ideas that we can incorporate into CFF. I think I know what many families need but I do not know what most families want. That requires you to have your finger on the pulse of our community. Other than Namara and myself, our staff is made up of volunteers to tirelessly and willingly work with your children to help them grow in their role as a disciple of Jesus. I cannot ask them to attend various meetings and events beyond what they already do. While some of them do go beyond the scope of the role of catechist, it is not mandatory. Please consider taking an active role in the formation of our children.

That being said, as we strive to recommit ourselves in the spiritual and social life of the parish, we are at the infant stages of creating a Men's Group and a Women's Group. We need young and well-seasoned adults who are looking to get more involved in the life of the Church. There are three opportunities for you: 1) get involved in the planning stage; 2) decide if you would prefer to be part of the Spiritual Team or Social Team, by giving us some of your time, creativity and leadership; and 3) continue to read the bulletin and website and attend some of the events that are being planned.

I thank you for all that you bring to the table to make our St George Children's Faith Formation Program the success that it is as we continue to form our children into disciples who have a strong friendship and loving bond with Jesus. If you have any questions, please contact me at 708/532-8211 or email [jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org](mailto:jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org).

I look forward to meeting you and your families.

Blessing to you and those you love,

Jeanne Lassandrello  
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*"Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased,  
upon whom I have put my spirit" Is 42:1*