

ST GEORGE CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for another wonderful year here at St George. I am overwhelmed by your support of me personally and our parish in general. I feel that we have grown together as a community and will continue to flourish as our Children's Faith Formation Program continues to grow. If you are new and reading about us for the first time: Welcome and I look forward to meeting with you to walk with your family, and to introducing you to some fantastic people who will also support you on your faith journey. This is a wonderful parish and Children's Faith Formation Process. Registration for new and returning families is ongoing through the summer. Contact us for more information or to set up an appointment. We offer Early Bird discounts if the balance is paid in full by August 1st.

Looking toward the future we have Vacation Bible School scheduled for July 8th to July 12th from 9:00 am to noon. Our theme this year is 'Who Is My Neighbor?' It is open to children entering Kindergarten to 6th Grade. For students ages 13-20 we are offering service project opportunities for them to support our younger students throughout the week. This 'Boot Camp' will run from June 24th to the 27th, and then July 2 if necessary. They will meet from 5:30 to 8:30. If for some reason they cannot attend all the sessions or cannot attend the full week of VBS we can work with their schedule. Forms to register for both programs are on the Website or in church.

For the upcoming Formation Year, we will be walking through the Mass, and studying the various celebrations the Church offers. I am writing a grade appropriate curriculum so our students understand all the parts of the mass as well as the history and the connection to the bible and our tradition. I was inspired to do this when I attended a presentation this past year for all Liturgical Ministers, and they were surprised about what they did and didn't know about the mass. My plan is that each month we will cover different parts of the mass. Parents, as well as parishioners, will be invited to attend a presentation for them on each part that the students will cover, followed by a celebration of the Mass itself. I believe this will be a wonderful way to focus on what the celebration is all about, and why it is so important that we come together to celebrate the Mass and receive Jesus in the Eucharist each weekend.

Lastly, I hope that you get a chance to get outside, to rest when you can, and enjoy the beautiful season of summer—just as much as the cicadas are enjoying it!

God's peace to you and those you love!



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