

Dear OLF Parents and Families:

Welcome to our 2019-2020 Faith Formation program! Thank you for choosing us to accompany your family along the path of spiritual growth and discipleship. At Baptism you promised to bring your child up in the Catholic faith. We are asking for your continued commitment. **As a parent, you are the primary teacher and have the greatest impact on your child's faith.** Attending Mass together, and living out the faith at home with your child will speak louder than anything that takes place in the classroom. We are here to support you in this most important role.

Enclosed please find an enrollment form for our Fall-Spring Faith Formation Programs and this summer's Vacation Bible School. Please indicate on the registration form if you plan to prepare your child to celebrate a sacrament during this coming formation year. Parents will receive further information on sacramental preparation activities via electronic and "snail" mail.

The registration deadline for 2019-20 classes is **July 1, 2019**. See the enclosed registration form or our church website for details. A completed registration form is required for us to enroll a child in a class.

Formation is also available for:

- ❖ **RCIC- Catechumenate for Children and Teens:** Children (ages 7-17) who are not yet baptized and seek to become Catholic are prepared through our catechumenate. We offer special sessions for children and teens.
- ❖ **IFF:** Initial Faith Formation for baptized children and teens with no formal faith formation experience to date.
- ❖ **Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist** (grade 2 or beyond) and **Confirmation** (grade 9 and beyond). These processes require 2 years of preparation (remote years- grade 1+ for **Reconciliation/Eucharist** and grade 8+ for **Confirmation**) that are completed through our OLF faith formation programs and in cooperation with our partner Catholic schools. The second year, "**immediate sacramental preparation**" is completed at OLF guided by our parish sacramental preparation team.
 - **STEP ONE:** For parents with children entering **Grades 1 and 8**. Our sacramental preparation process begins with an evening of prayer, reflection and discernment of how we, parents, foster our faith in our family life and enhance our children's readiness to prepare for and celebrate an upcoming sacrament. **RSVP to faithformation@olfparish.com for one of the following sessions: June 6 at 7pm; or July 7 at 2PM ; or August 13 at 7PM. Each gathering takes place in the Parish Hall.** This event begins the sacramental preparation process.
 - **STEP TWO:** If your child is preparing to celebrate Eucharist, Reconciliation or Confirmation during 2019/20, and you have attended an evening of reflection (see above), please use the enclosed registration form to indicate your intention for your child's sacramental preparation. Please select your preferred class session and mail the registration to us before July 1. We will respond in a separate mailing with program details and orientation dates.
(**Eucharist/Reconciliation Parent Orientation** will take place on **Monday, September 30th at 7PM in the parish hall.**)

School Year 2019-2020: (Grades K-8 classes are 60 minutes; Grade 9/Confirmation sessions are 75 minutes)

Sunday sessions: (begin 09/22/19)	
8:00am	Faith Formation session: Grades K-9
9:30am	Faith Formation session: Grades Pre-K/3year old -2 nd grade
9:30am	Sunday Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word for Children (ages 4-8)
11:00am	Faith Formation session: Grades Pre-K/3year old -2 nd grade
12:30pm	Faith Formation session: Grades K-9
4:45pm	Faith Formation session: Grades 1-9 (Note: Grade 9 starts at 4:30)
Tuesday sessions: (begin 09/24/19)	
4:30pm	Faith Formation session: Grades 1-9
Wednesday Sessions (begin 09/25/19)	
4:30pm & 6:00pm	Faith Formation session: Grades K-9

Tri- Parish Vacation Bible School at School of the Incarnation: Ages 4-10. Dates: 7/15-19, 2019 from 9 AM – 12 PM. Deadline- 5/31.

Our Lady of the Fields Vacation Bible School: Age 4 through rising 1st graders. 8/5-9, 2019 from 9:30am-12:30pm. Deadline-6/30.

Please see the enclosed registration forms for more details.

We look forward to serving you and your families through the summer and into the new formation year.

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