



Quad-Parish Faith Formation

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Find Home, Hope & Holiness

We welcome your family with great **JOY** as we begin plans for another year of Religious Education, Family and Youth ministry at the **Quad-Parishes of Annunciation, St. Joseph, St. Jude and St. Patrick.**

The Faith Formation year came to an interesting end this spring . We missed having the opportunity to wrap up the year with everyone, but know we have been praying for your families and we are excited to continue to grow in faith with all of you!

Plans are underway to reschedule the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. We appreciate all the patience as we work out the details. We have the best families!

It seems like there has been a lot of transitions coming our way, and we are about to see some changes at the Faith Formation center in the next month as well. Nancy Van Beek and Kristin LaPlante will be concluding their time with us on staff. They have shared their time, love of ministry and so many smiles over the past several years. We appreciate all they have shared with us.

We will be welcoming two new full time employees who I will be working with to coordinate Faith Formation and Discipleship efforts at the Quad-Parishes. Abby and Joseph are coming to our parishes with a lot of enthusiasm and an eagerness to share their faith with others.

While the fall is still filled with uncertainty, it is certain that we are excited to continue to grow as families fully alive in the faith! The Holy Spirit will help us navigate the details.

As we plan for the fall of 2020, we will be preparing materials for small group instruction, distance learning and home study to provide your family the opportunity to grow in faith with a format that you are comfortable with while keeping in mind the health and safety of our families. We are exploring a new curriculum that has many great tools that will help us connect with families, children and teens in various ways depending on what the fall looks like.

We also invite all families with young children or grandchildren entering Grades K-5 to take a look at our “modified” plans for Vacation Bible School. We hope this is a great opportunity to keep your children learning about Jesus throughout the summer. Vacation Bible School will include drop in opportunities for families to pick up a to-go activity bag, socially distanced family activities in the parking lot, and various resources that can be used throughout the week at home. While this isn't the traditional model for VBS, we are excited how everything is falling into place.

Blessings, Becky VanKauwenberg bvankauwenberg@quad-parish.org 920-497-7042

Registration materials are included in this mailing. Forms can be mailed or dropped off at our parish office (1087 Kellogg St) or Faith Formation office (936 9th St., door 2), emailed, or put in the Mass collection baskets. We also have Online Registration available at **www.quad-parish.org** (Parish Life - Children & Youth - Information & Sign Ups - Faith Formation Registration)

***Families who complete registration by Aug. 1st will be entered in a drawing for a \$25.00 gas card!**

Important Dates: We are currently working on the full calendar for Faith Formation for 2020/2021. There are a few details that we are waiting on before we can set the final schedule for Faith Formation this year. We should have more information and a tentative game plan ready to roll out in the middle of July. Thank You for your patience.



- **August 1st, 2020**

- **Call to Schedule!**

- **Week of Sept 13-19**

Registration Forms due to Faith Formation Office

New Family Meet & Greet - An opportunity to explain our program, give new families a tour of the Faith Formation Center and answer questions before the start the year.

First Week of Faith Formation

Due to Social Distancing requirements that are likely going to be in place during the Fall of 2020, we are working on various options for families to participate in learning the faith this year. See below for more information.

A few highlights for 2020-2021

- We are preparing several options for families to consider for the fall of 2020 to continue growing in faith together. We are aware families have differing needs and concerns as we navigate health and safety recommendations. Here are a few options we are working on **Gathered Sessions in Small Groups** (at the faith formation center with small groups of students assigned to individual classrooms with social distancing and sanitation guidelines being followed) **Distance Learning** (independent online modules with scheduled virtual check in times with class), **Home Study** (parents and students cover materials following a home learning guide.)
- We hope to continue our **Family Meal Program**, however, we are looking for options like bagged lunch or pre-plated meals that can be picked up quickly while providing additional seating options for the meal to ensure social distancing. Free will offering are appreciated.
- **Parent Life!** Parents, keep your eye out for opportunities to grow in your faith while your children attend classes. Opportunities will include Alpha Nights with videos and conversation and other seasonal opportunities. Parents are also invited to the Holy Grounds Cafe' while children are attending religious education classes to socialize or relax.
- **Families with Young Children** - We have created a play area for families with young children on the second floor of the Faith Formation Center. We will look at options to safely offer parents and younger children the opportunity to enjoy the nursery while school age children are attending religious education classes if possible.



Believe. Be Courageous. Spread the Faith.

2020-2021 Quad-Parish Faith Formation Theme

Throughout the year we are excited to discover how we can take our Catholic Faith and courageously share it with others. Our mission statement invites us to find Holiness in our Witness to the World. This year we will be providing opportunities for families to serve our communities in fun ways. Children and youth will also be invited to lead weekend Liturgies. God has given all of us gifts we are called to share with each other! **Let's Spread the Faith!**