

**Saint Patrick's & St. Columbanus Parish Faith Formation**  
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September 3, 2019

Dear Faith Formation Families;

Welcome to a new year of Faith Formation at St. Patrick's for both parishes! We are very excited to kick off another wonderful year full of faith and fun!

You can register your family in several ways. Registration Sunday will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup> after Mass for families with children in Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Please feel free to drop off your family registration form with any necessary changes then or anytime at the Parish office. You can also return the form in the collection basket during Mass or bring to the **first official day of Faith Formation on October 6<sup>th</sup>**. All Faith Formation sessions for students in grades PreK through 8<sup>th</sup> will be held on Sundays after Mass **from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.** Sacramental sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings. High School sessions will be held on Sunday evenings. All sessions for both St. Columbanus and St. Patrick's will be held in the Faith Formation building in Neola.

The Faith Formation program is going through a reformation year and our Catechists will be using various curriculums at the start of the year to determine the best choice for our Parish. This is an exciting time as we will be focusing on the fundamentals of our faith and with the help of the Diocese, will be choosing a curriculum that will best meet the needs of our families and provide our children with a solid foundation of our Catholic faith. Your help is instrumental as our program requires text books, teaching supplies, posters and other materials for our Catechists. Tuition is a necessary part of this process to help pay for these requirements. No one is turned away for the inability to pay. If you are unable to pay at this time, please talk to Amy or Bernie so that something can be worked out. Thanks again to the recommendation of the Finance Council, this year's tuition rates are as follows:

One child enrolled . . . . .	\$10.00 for the year
Two children enrolled . . . . .	\$20.00 for the year
Three or more children enrolled . . . . .	\$25.00 for the year

All families who would like to participate in the Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation/ First Eucharist or Confirmation **MUST** have their child enrolled in the parish Faith Formation program the year before the child would receive the sacrament and the year they are to receive the sacrament. Attendance must be regular for both years. For those children receiving First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, the child must be enrolled in and attend first and second grade Faith Formation in order to participate in the Sacramental Preparation. For those students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, the student must be enrolled in and attend High School sessions in ninth & tenth grades. These are diocesan guidelines.

As always, please call us with any questions and/or concerns. We are looking forward to seeing all of you and your families once again for another successful year!

God Bless our Faith Formation families!

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Enclosures: 2019-2020 Faith Formation Schedule  
Registration Form  
Sacramental Information (where applicable)