

# Saint Patrick & St. Columbanus Parish Faith Formation

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## Pre-K - High School Faith Formation Letter

Dear Faith Formation Families:

Welcome to a new year of Faith Formation for both parishes! We are very excited to kick off another wonderful year full of faith and fun! Pre-K through High School Faith Formation sessions will be held on Sundays beginning **September 10**, at the following times:

- PreK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sessions occur from **10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**
- High School Youth Group is twice a month from **6:30-8:30p.m.**

All sessions for both St. Columbanus and St. Patrick Churches will be held in the Faith Formation building or Parish Hall in Neola. Please see the Faith Formation Calendar for more information.

**Registration:** You can register your family in several ways. Registration Sunday will be held on August 20th after Mass. 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 black box outside of the parish hall doors or bring your registration to drop off on the first day of classes.

**Curriculum:** Catechists will be using the following curriculum to enliven the hearts of our youth: Alive in Christ for grades 1-8, Pflaum Gospel Weeklies for PreK-K and The Teen Timeline/Decision Point for grades 9-12. In addition to these texts, we are working toward incorporating mission and prayer into the curriculum through service projects and experiences.

**Tuition:** 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 Alyssa so that something can be worked out. 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

**Sacramental Preparation:** All Sacramental Preparation Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings. Families who would like to participate in the Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist or Confirmation **MUST** have their child participate in the parish Faith Formation program the year before the child would receive the sacrament and the year they are to receive the sacrament. 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.

**Calendar/Schedule:** For your reference, here are the dates and times for the Faith Formation sessions.

<b>PreK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>High School Youth Group</b>
September 10 @ 10:45AM in the hall	October 1 @ 6:30-8:30PM
September 17 @ 10:45AM	October 4 7:00 -8:30pm Confirmation 10 <sup>th</sup> gr
September 24 Priest Sunday breakfast in the hall No class	October 15 @ 6:30-8:30PM
October 01 @ 10:45AM	October 18 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 to 8:00pm Confirmation 10 <sup>th</sup> gr
October 08 @ 10:45AM Deacon Sunday please recognize Deacon Scott in the hall	Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> trunk or treat need Confirmation helpers
October 15 @ 10:45AM	Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> All Saints Mass required 6:30pm class after until 8:30 Confirmation 10 <sup>th</sup> gr
October 22 @ 10:45AM	November 5 @ 9:30AM-4:00PM High School Retreat (all invited, required for 9/10 <sup>th</sup> grade)
October 29 @10:45 Later Trunk or treat sign up early with your car	November 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 to 8:30pm Confirmation 10 <sup>th</sup> gr
November 5 @ 10:45AM	November 19 <sup>th</sup> Fall festival Need HS help to run 10:45 to 12
November 12 @ 10:45AM in the hall	Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6:30 to 8:30 pm
November 19 <sup>th</sup> Fall Festival @ 10:45AM	Dec 6 &:00 to 8:30 pm Confirmation
December 03 @ 10:45AM	Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> High school helpers needed for cookie packaging at Advent event 10:45
December 10 Advent event @ 10:45 AM in the hall	Dec 20 7:00 to 8:30pm Confirmation
December 17 @ 10:45AM	Jan 3 7:00 pm to 8:30pm Confirmation 10 <sup>th</sup> gr
January 7 @ 10:45AM	Jan 7 6:30 to 8:30 pm
January 14 @ 10:45AM in the hall	Jan 17 7 to 8:30 pm Confirmation 10 <sup>th</sup> gr
January 21@10:45	Jan 21 6:30 to 8:30 pm
February 04@10:45	Jan 27 <sup>th</sup> Need HS help for AUCTION SATURDAY
February 11 <sup>th</sup> @10:45 in the hall	Feb 4 6:30 to 8:30 pm
February 18 <sup>th</sup> @ 10:45	Feb 7 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 to 8:30 Confirmation 10 gr
February 25 <sup>th</sup> @10:45	Feb 18 <sup>th</sup> ABLAZE REQUIRed for HIGH 6:00 pm
March 3 @10:45 Reconciliation gr3-8	Feb 28 7:00 to 8:30 pm Confirmation 10 <sup>th</sup> gr
March 10 @10:45 in the hall @	March 3 6:30 to 8:30 Stations
March 17 <sup>th</sup> St Patricks festival in the hall @ 10:45AM	<b>Mar 6 7:00 to 8:30 pm Confirmation 10<sup>th</sup> gr</b>
April 7 <sup>th</sup> @10:45	<b>March 17 all church St Patricks day party 10:45</b>
April 10 <sup>h</sup> in the hall 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for 2 <sup>nd</sup> gr rehearsal 6:30 to 7:30 pm	<b>March 20 Confirmation class 7:00 to 8:30 pm</b>
April 14 <sup>th</sup> in the hall 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders	<b>April 3 Confirmation class 7:00 to 8:30 pm</b>
April 14 <sup>th</sup> in the hall 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders	<b>April 7 High school celebration</b>
April 21 Last class 10:45	<b>April 24 Confirmation rehearsal</b>
May 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist rehearsal 6:30 to 7:30 pm	<b>April 28<sup>th</sup> Confirmation</b>
May 5 <sup>th</sup> 1 st Eucharist 9:30 am	

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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