

# St. Patrick's



# Catholic Church

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We are reaching out to you with an exciting announcement that pertains to you and your family specifically.

Our parishes at St Columbanus and St Patrick have been selected as a beginning point for a new family faith formation program. The first stage of this is adding a new class: "Rooted Families". This new class will be for any parents and their children ages infants to pre-school. It will be a child and parent class.

You maybe asking yourself, "what can my infant/toddler learn in a faith formation program". Well it is more like a stepping block. We feel that the earlier we get kids and parents the tools to help and get them a spirit of belonging to the parish community, the more engaged the kids will be as they get older. It is more a time for us to let you know the milestones for kids and prayers they should know by what age. We hope this will make your job easier getting them prepared for their sacraments. One aspect of this program will be to find out how we can support you. Whether it is getting a speaker in to answer questions for you or just us being a support system; a place for parents with similar beliefs to come and ask questions or just have conversations with each other.

We will meet twice a month. Meeting one will be with all of the families in the hall. Meeting two will be in the faith formation building with just families like you. There will be movies and activities and fellowship. This program is in the beginning building stages, so if you have ideas or input, they are always needed and welcomed. We are building this program together and it needs to be what WE as a parish build it into. After we get this going, we will report what works and what does not to the Diocese.

We will have an informational meeting September 14<sup>th</sup> in the hall. As always if you have any questions, please contact me!

Sincerely,

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