

**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 **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 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 September 18<sup>th</sup> 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-1, 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 contact the parish office 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>
October 2 @ 10:45AM	October 2 @ 6:30-8:30PM
October 9 @ 10:45AM	
October 16 @ 10:45AM	October 16 @ 6:30-8:30PM
October 23 @ 10:45AM	
October 30 @ 10:45AM	
November 6 @ 10:45AM	November 6 @ 9:30AM-4:00PM High School Retreat (all invited, required for 9/10 <sup>th</sup> grade)
November 13 @ 10:45AM	
November 20 @ 10:45AM Fall Festival in the Church Hall	November 20 @ 10:45AM Fall Festival help
December 4 @ 10:45AM	December 4 @ 6:30-8:30PM
December 11 @ 10:45AM	
January 8 @ 10:45AM	
January 15 @ 10:45AM	January 15 @ 6:30-8:30PM
January 22 @ 10:45 AM	
February 5 @ 10:45AM	February 5 @ 6:30-8:30PM
February 12 @ 10:45AM	
February 19 @ 10:45AM	
February 26 @ 10:45AM, ABLAZE @ 7PM	February 26 @ 7PM ABLAZE (required for 9/10 <sup>th</sup> grade)
March 5 @ 10:45AM Reconciliation (ALL)	
March 12 @ 10:45AM PreK-4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Stations of the Cross	March 12 @ 6:30-8:30PM
March 19 @ 10:45AM 5-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Stations of the Cross	
March 26 @ 10:45AM	March 26 @ 6:30-8:30PM
April 16 @ 10:45AM	April 16 @ 6:30-8:30PM Year End Celebration
April 30 @ 10:45AM: Last Day of Faith Formation Celebration	

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: 2022-2023 Faith Formation Schedule  
 Registration Form  
 Sacramental Information (where applicable)