



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

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April 15, 2016

Dear Parents,

As we close out this year's K-12 Faith Formation Programs, we have much to celebrate. We've had many new faces in our classrooms both students and volunteers. Our Family Program and Youth Ministry programs have seen much success with the changes made for this year. Our youth participated in raising funds not only for the Salvation Army, but for our own parish summer mission trip and world youth day trip. God is truly doing great work in and through our community.

We also have much to look forward to in our 2016/2017 K-12 Faith Formation programs as we begin our registration process. Our youth ministry continues to be improved using a number of tools and a growing number of volunteers. We are looking to add more adult options in our family program for adult sessions including an overview of the bible and an overview of Catholicism. Our Wednesday Program will also see more family events to support the spiritual growth of the entire family. We are also planning ways to better prepare children and youth preparing for the sacraments including adding an overnight retreat for high school youth.

Our office truly desires to work with you in creating formation opportunities in our community that support your children and your entire family in our shared faith journey. We look forward to continued dialogue, prayer, and reflection with you on how together we can continue to build and strengthen disciples.

We will host a kick-off meeting for all parents to discuss our programs, answer questions, and learn how we can work together to provide a strong foundation of faith for your children. To help accommodate different schedules, the meeting will be offered twice: **Wednesday, August 31th – 6:30 pm** – in the lower level of our parish or **Sunday, August 28th – 11:30 am** – in the lower level of our parish.

Please remember, that we want to help and work in partnership with you. We're available to talk with you about special needs or difficult circumstances at home that may affect, even if indirectly, your child's formation or your ability to form them. In fact, it's often helpful for us to know these challenges, even if we cannot assist you directly in overcoming them. Minimally we can pray with and for you.

Enclosed in this mailing is the Faith Formation Registration form for 2016/2017 and brochures outlining our foundation programs and sacramental preparation processes. Please complete this form and return it to the parish as soon as possible. Also, if your child will be preparing for a sacrament, bring a copy of his/her baptismal certificate. Your promptness in returning these forms and information helps our office better prepare for the coming year. Please feel free to contact our parish office if you have any questions or concerns.

Let us keep our children, youth, parents, staff, and volunteers in prayer. May God bless this upcoming year and guide us as we continue to share His good news with our children and youth. May we all come with open hearts in order to better know, love, and serve our Lord.

God bless,

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