

August 13, 2025

Dear Parents of students grades 7-11,

**Wednesday, September 10 is the family kick off for our evening Faith Formation Classes. A parent is expected to attend with your student(s) at 6PM in the parish center. We will have pizza and share information about this upcoming year!**

We are excited to begin our year with **Alpha for Teens** for Faith Formation. **6:00 pm** is our start time on Wednesdays. Students are expected to be here at that time. We will eat dinner and the evening will flow into our Alpha sessions. We will be done at **8:00 pm**.

**There are opportunities for parents as well!** If you would like to do the same Alpha sessions as your students, you can join an adult small group with other parents. This is a 10-week commitment. We ask that you let us know that you plan to attend and that you show up on time and model for the students by your consistency and participation. Another area that you can participate in is signing up for a week or two during the year to help serve dinner and clean up after the meal. Your participation in any of these options shows your support of the students!

Adoration will be happening again during our class time in the church beginning on September 17. Parents, and others, are encouraged to come to Adoration any time from 5:30 to 8:00 pm until we are done with class. God wants to spend time with us. I hope that we will take the time to spend with Him. Our classes will have opportunities to go to Adoration during our evenings as well. If you would like to commit to coming for an hour let Deacon John know.

My hope is to continue having the youth room open earlier on Wednesdays. Last year Darryl Hensel and Dave Hanson volunteered to consistently be here to help. Lots of cribbage was played. 😊 Parents, once your student is here they will not be allowed to leave the building without you contacting me with your permission. We have a nice youth room with tables to play games, do homework or just hang out. If you are interested in volunteering to help let me know.

Your children are amazing young people! Your love and concern for your family is felt and seen. You are the first and most important teachers to your children. I pray that you will lead and encourage your children in their faith journey. Your example is one of the most important gifts you can share with your family. Life here on earth is only a small part of our forever. My prayer is that we can all work towards bringing each other to heaven.

**There is a \$20 fee per student or \$50 total for families with 3 or more children in Faith Formation, which covers a portion of the expense of educational materials. If you are unable to afford the registration fee, please talk to me, your children will not be turned away! Return the registration form(s) and fee by September 10. You may drop forms off in the collection basket at Mass, put them in the mail: attention Annette, or bring them to the office between 9:00 and 4:00 Monday through Thursday. All students must be registered even if they have attended in previous years, updated registration forms need to be on file every year.**

**St. Peter's and St. Mary's has Flocknote up and running. This app is used to notify students and parents if there are any special announcements or cancelations in the event of weather. If you are not signed up to receive notifications, we can help you on September 10 at our meeting.**

If your family is not officially registered with St. Peter's or St. Mary's, please call or stop by the office and we will help you register.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please stop by and see me or Father Joe.

I am excited to start the new school year with all of you!

In the peace of Christ,

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