



Dear Faith Families,

July 31st, 2018

We hope summer has treated you well. We look forward to seeing you all very soon. As summer 2018 winds down, we wanted to make sure you and your family are prepared for the next Religious Ed year.

We are excited to try a few new things this upcoming year that we pray will engage and ignite your family. You will hear more about our great new program during our Family Kickoff Party and Family Mass on September 26th at 5:30 PM.

We would like to welcome and introduce you to our New Religious Education Coordinator, Kelly McKibben. Kelly has many exciting new ideas and enthusiasm she brings to our program and we are thrilled to have her. Mrs. McKibben will be overseeing the 3 year old - 8th grade programming here at St. Mary Magdalene.

Since the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith, we will be investing our energies into the required family Mass portion of your student's education. This is the practical and spiritual application of your child's faith formation. We need to put into practice what we teach. All students and families will also be asked to actively participate in all aspects of the Mass. There is approximately one Family Mass a month. Please make sure these dates are a priority on your family calendar.

Our Faith Formation program meets on Wednesday's. Grades 1-6 will meet Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 PM. The SMM Bus will pick up Waupaca students at the WLC and transport them to the church. Students from other area school districts are encouraged to car pool. On Wednesday evenings grades 7-10 will meet at SMM from 7:00-8:30pm and our 11th and 12th grade young Catholic adults will also meet in Confirmation groups from 7:00-8:30 PM. Our preschool program, "CHRIST'S LITTLE LAMBS", Ages 3-5, will have their own calendar which will be handed out at Family Kickoff night.

We need your registration by **SEPT 9th** in order to staff our catechists and volunteers. You can:

- * Mail them back to the parish office OR**
 - * Drop them off at the parish office (Mon-Thurs 8AM-2PM)**
 - * Drop them in the collection basket at Mass.**
- (Fees can be included with registration, or paid no later than Oct 31st, 2018)**

Lastly, we need many hands to help make our program work to be successful. **We ask that you seriously look over the volunteer opportunities on the reverse side of the registration form and thoughtfully consider where your time and talents could help our program. We are in need of catechists, classroom aids and Family Mass volunteers (lectors, ushers, greeters, and Eucharistic Ministers).**

You are your child's primary catechist, be present, volunteer, and participate. We need you to lead by example and invest your family time in making their faith formation your priority. Their Catholic faith is an important gift that you as a parent get to nurture. We will help you renew and pass on the love for our Catholic Faith. We look forward to working together this upcoming year. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Prayerfully yours,

Ashley Gordon,
Coordinator of Religious Education