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Dear Parent/Guardians,

We invite you to take a look at St. Mary's/St. John's Faith Formation program. Classes about our Catholic faith are for children in grades 1-12. Sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion and Confirmation, are offered, as well as adult faith formation on various topics. There is a commitment from Father Paider and our staff and volunteers as well, along with you to teach your children about Jesus Christ and His Church. This letter is a brief overview of the program.

The Faith formation offices are located at the St. Mary's site, at 528 2nd Street. There are approximately 22 volunteers that team-teach the children. Not only do the catechists come to class each week for the kids, they also prepare ahead of time to best utilize the 1 hour and 15 minutes they have with the children. All of our catechists are required to work at their catechetical certification, and continue to grow in their own faith and knowledge.

Grades 1-8 use the textbooks Be My disciples by RCL Benzinger. This series is a unique process that spirals Catholic knowledge from one year to the next. It is a beautiful series that is fun and user friendly. This series is one of the textbooks recommended by the diocese. Grades 9-11 use The Catholic Faith Handbook by St. Mary's Press. In addition grade 9 uses the Teen Timeline by Ascension Press, and the 10th Grade adds Theology of the Body for Teens by Ascension Press. All of the textbooks are in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and our Diocese.

To go along with creating and atmosphere for head knowledge of our faith, we also want to give our students and families a chance to really take to heart the mission of Jesus Christ, and grow in their love for Him. There are adult classes held on FF nights. Each month there are "PARENT NIGHTS" with topics of interest. There are several family nights, e.g. "Family Night Service Project", "Family Night of Reconciliation" when families come together for a particular event.

On this website will find an updated registration form for your convenience. Please return it to the Faith Formation Office or your Parish Office, as soon as you can. We are happy to answer any questions that you may have, so please do not hesitate to call. May God bless you.

In His service,

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