



Fall 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Faith Formation year! Enclosed are your prefilled registration forms for this year. **Please be sure all information is correct, and please fill in any missing information for ALL your children between pre-school through 12th grade.**

First things first, now that construction on the church and school is complete, please use the Franklin Street parking lot for pick up and drop off on Sunday mornings. Pre-school through 5th grade students will meet in the Family Center every Sunday for prayer at 9:30 a.m. before heading up to their classrooms. Middle and High School Youth Groups will continue to meet in the Youth Room of the Parish Office on Sunday evenings. Schedules for the year have been included in this packet for your convenience.

Next, it is our Diocesan policy to have children make their First Reconciliation in 2nd grade before their First Communion. If your child is enrolled in 2nd grade, they are automatically enrolled in sacramental preparation for First Communion and First Reconciliation. It is also practice to have children in 8th grade receive the sacrament of Confirmation. A separate letter will be sent to all families with 8th grade students in the month of November.

Lastly, in order to ensure the health and well-being of everyone in the St. Stephen's family, I would like to establish some guidelines again this year:

1. **PLEASE respect deadlines for any event, meeting or class.** These deadlines are made to insure the safety for everyone in attendance. Lots of times I need a count ahead of time to ensure there are enough seats on the bus or spots available at an event. I would hate for your child to show up and be told there is no room for him or her. It's not fair for anyone involved.
2. **If coming to me immediately following a meeting or event with requests, please also make it in email form.** Chances of me remembering after a big event without an email are very slim. Plus the sheer number of request can be overwhelming to try and remember.
3. **Please give me two (2) business days to get back to you before trying to contact me again.** This includes using another form of communication (email, text, phone call). I need some time to give you the best answer or resolution.
4. **Monday's are my day off.** Therefore, no emails, phone calls, or text messages will be answered on Monday's.

I thank you in advance for honoring and respecting these guidelines. By doing so you are helping the Youth Ministry/Faith Formation program here at St. Stephen succeed. Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, comments and ideas.

Thanks for all you do,
Brittany Renne
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