

August 2021



Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is time for religious education registration. We are excited to welcome our students back to the classroom. Families are encouraged to send their student(s) to in-person classes, but we do have a home-school option available. As the COVID-19 virus is still prevalent, we will continue to follow the guidelines and recommendations set by the Eau Claire City/County Health Department and the Diocese of LaCrosse. At this time, masks will be optional and we will continue to social distance.

You may register online (<http://saintolafparish.org/>, select *Faith Formation under the Our Parish tab*) or use the paper copy enclosed. You will receive a calendar after you have registered. We would like to have supplies for everyone, so please register in a timely fashion. Tuition for this year remains at \$70.00 per student, with a \$10.00 late fee per child if the registration is not received on or before September 15, 2021. If you are unable to pay the tuition in full please contact me and request a payment schedule.

**If your child/ren are enrolled in Regis or McDonell Catholic Schools**, you need to fill out these forms if they will be preparing for or receiving a sacrament this year: First Reconciliation & First Communion in second grade, or Confirmation in ninth and tenth grade. There is no fee for these sacrament preparation programs for parish members.

**In-person religious education classes** for grades one through ten will begin **September 29** with a **family mass at 6:15 PM**. After mass, we will have a brief meeting in the church, then students and parents will visit the classrooms, meet the teachers and pick up textbooks etc.

**Home-school** religious education families will receive their books and other materials at the **parent meeting on Thursday, September 30 at 6:30pm**.

**We need help in many areas, please consider being a catechist (training and support is available), a substitute catechist or an aide in one of the classrooms.** This is a wonderful experience, not only for the students, but for those working with them as well. Please see the enclosed volunteer form to find an area where you can help us out this year. Thank you for prayerfully considering this request.

***Please return all forms to us as soon as possible by dropping them off in the Faith Formation Office or mailing them to PO Box 1203, Eau Claire, WI 54702-1203.*** The diocese requires that we have a current emergency release form on hand for each student each year, so please fill the form out on the reverse side of the registration form with your current emergency contact information.

Included in this mailing you will also find a form for Safe Environment that parents need to fill out and return. It is a request from the Diocese of La Crosse that all parents be offered training each year. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robin Johengen, Director of Faith Formation