

Summer, 2016

Dear Parents,

Now that school is over and you have begun to think of all that summer brings I'd like to invite you to think of September for just a few minutes. Children's Faith Formation is a valuable ministry at St. Michael the Archangel Parish and we are pleased to invite you to be a part of this ministry! You are receiving this mailing because you have children of catechetical age and we would like them to be a part of this learning process.

Please read everything carefully before deciding which session to choose. The "Program Overview" will be most helpful in choosing a session that best fits your needs. I understand the busy schedule of families with young children and teens, but Faith Formation is also an important part of their development. Please prayerfully consider whether the standard Sunday morning classroom or the family program (G.I.F.T.) would best fit with your other obligations (school, sports, scouts, etc.).

If you have children in grade Pre-Kindergarten through 8 and want to attend a regular Faith Formation class on Sunday morning, please check the appropriate line on the Registration form. If you want to "home school" your children in Kindergarten through Grade 7 check the line that says "Family Faith Formation." The "Program Overview" sheet should tell you everything you need to know to make that choice.

Classes will begin with Mass on September 18th at 9:30 a.m. in the Church. Our G.I.F.T. program will begin on September 29th at 6:00 p.m. **Registrations returned with full payment by August 1st may deduct \$25.00 from the tuition fees.** Partial payments or registrations after that date will have to pay the full amount.

Please remember that the Eucharist is the very heart of our faith. It is what makes us "Catholic" and why we feel it is important to begin our learning sessions with the 9:30 a.m. mass. Parents who wish to sit with their children will have reserved seats on the left of the church. If you are unable to attend with your children, they may sit with their catechist on the right side of the church. We will be continuing "Children's Liturgy of the Word" (CLOW) for children ages 4 to 10. At that time, those children will be blessed and sent from the church to study the Word at their level while their parents can stay in the Church for the homily.

Have a great summer! If you have any questions, the best way to reach me is through email at nlux@smoverlea.org or call the parish office at 410-665-1054.

In His service,

Nikki Lux
Director of Faith Formation