

September 2017

Dear Sacred Heart K-12 Grade Faith Formation Families,

Welcome back to another year of learning, praying and growing in faith together. We will experience God through our lessons, our prayer experiences, and our sacraments. The **“Wednesday Night Class & Special Scheduled Activity Nights”** are mandatory for students and are part of the Faith Formation 2017-2018 Curriculum. There are many opportunities for parents and families to attend the special activities, so please come and together as a parish family. Faith Formation classes are generally for parish students who do not attend Sacred Heart School but we welcome all students who would like to participate in our Faith Formation Program. Please feel free to contact the Office of Faith Formation at 580-6319 with any questions!

As you complete the enclosed Registration Materials please keep in mind the following:

Office of Faith Formation Staff:

Sacred Heart Pastor:	Father William Schreiber	wschreiber@spencersacredheart.com
Director of Faith Formation:	Mollie Maurer	mmaurer@spencersacredheart.com
Assistant Director of Faith Formation:	Kris McDermott	

Sacred Heart Youth Faith Formation “Welcome Back” Family Potluck will be on

Wednesday, September 20th, 2017

6:30pm Prayer Service in church followed by a potluck and social in Parish Hall

This is for all K-12 grade Faith Formation students, please attend as a family.

Bring your favorite side dish and dessert. Burgers, drinks and tableware provided.

Faith Formation classes will begin on Wednesday, October 4th for grades K-12.

We have not finalized dates for the Large Group scheduled classes. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

CLASS INFORMATION

- There will be NO SUNDAY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM will be offered this year during 9am Sunday Mass due to reorganization of staff and PK Classroom.

GRADES K-6th

Drop off Parish Hall back lot/pick up front of Church

- 4:50pm Parish Hall doors open
- 4:50-5:15pm Snack and Large Group Activity
- 5:15-6pm Class/Closing Prayer
- 6pm Dismiss Students are to be picked up in front of Church

GRADES 7-12

Drop off/pickup Parish Hall back lot

- 6:30-7pm Meal
- 7:15-8:15pm Class
- 8:20-8:30pm Prayer Service in Church. **All parents are welcome!**
- 8:30-9pm Social
- Meal is offered to students before each class (6:30-7pm) for \$40 food fee.
- Students are to be picked up **NO LATER THAN** 9pm.

CLASS CURRICULUM

Elementary

Grade K & 1 Bible Stories
Grade 2 Sacrament of "Reconciliation & Eucharist"
Grade 3 & 4 Sacraments
Grade 5 & 6 The Church & Mass

Middle School/High School

Grade 7 - Scripture Timeline "Encounter" Bible Study of faith
Grade 8 - The "Bible Mini-Series" DVD Lessons on History of the Bible
Grade 9 - "Theology of the Body" Faith Formation of God's plan for us
Grade 10 - Sacrament of "Confirmation" preparation
Grade 11 - "Apologetics" with Fr. Bill Growing deeper in Catholic faith
Grade 12 - "Disciples Way" (DW) Year of Service/Mural

*****Due to possible change of schedule, always check the Office of Faith Formation page on the Sacred Heart website and Sacred Heart Parish weekly bulletin to confirm dates and time of Youth Faith Formation classes and activities*****

ATTIRE

An expectation of the Office of Faith Formation is to maintain an environment that promotes learning about and living Christ's message. This expectation stems from our ongoing expectation of respect – respect of self, respect of others, and respect of property. Students are expected to dress modestly.

The following specific attire policies are to be followed at any FF class or sponsored event:

- At no time, should any article of **underwear be visible**. This includes but is not limited to bras, panties, boxers, briefs, and thongs.
- **NO SHORT-SHORTS, SHORT SKIRTS, or TANK TOPS** should be worn to a Faith Formation CLASS, MASS, or any other Faith Formation ACTIVITY thus keeping a respectful reverence for Fr. Bill, visiting Priests, and Church in which we have closing prayer each Faith Formation class night.
- At no time, should **skin in the midriff area be visible**. Low-rise jeans or shorts should be worn with shirts that are able to cover the midriff area.
- Any article of clothing that uses **drug, alcohol, profane or sexually suggestive language is not permitted**.
- Any article of clothing that is **excessively revealing is not permitted**.

Enforcement of the attire policy will be handled by the Office of Faith Formation Staff. Catechists, parents and students will be advised of the expectations and asked to support them. Infractions will be handled with discretion so that the dignity of the student and the authority figure will remain intact.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline Policy:

1. Minor discipline problems are handled directly by the catechist in the classroom.
2. The first time a major problem occurs, the student is dismissed from class and reports to the Office of Faith Formation. Father Schreiber (or in his absence Director of Faith Formation, Mollie Maurer) will meet with the student to discuss the problem and possible solutions. The parent is called and the student is picked up, or remains in the office for the remainder of that class period.
3. If the student is asked to leave class a second time, he or she again reports to the Office of Faith Formation. Father Schreiber (or in his absence, Mollie Maurer) again visits with the student and talks to the catechist. Parents are contacted, and the student will not be allowed to attend class again until a conference has been held with the parent, student, Father Schreiber, Mollie Maurer, and the catechist. At this conference, options on discipline in the future will be presented and agreed upon by all present.

ATTENDANCE

Please check the Youth Faith Formation Calendar and the weekly Church bulletin on a regular basis for dates, times and activities for your son/daughter.

Students will progress in class only if they attend regularly and come prepared. **Please notify the Office of Faith Formation if your child/children will not be attending class.** To notify us, call (580-6319) OR email: mmaurer@spencersacredheart.com on the day of class or send a note to the class before your child will be absent.

CANCELLATIONS

If the public schools cancel or dismiss school due to severe weather, Youth Faith Formation classes/activities are automatically canceled that same day. In the event of inclement weather, cancellation of classes for that night will be announced on KICD radio by 3:00 p.m. You will also be notified by email, text message or checking the Sacred Heart website.

Wednesday night is considered CHURCH NIGHT by the school and community. Therefore, no activities should conflict with our Wednesday night Faith Formation classes. However, when Spencer is involved in state sponsored tournament play on a Wednesday night, NO Faith Formation classes will be held, so that students may participate or cheer on fellow students.