

HOLY FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation for All

2017-2018



The **Faith Formation** ministry at Holy Family Catholic Church exists to help the faithful of all ages by providing relevant, meaningful education and spiritual programs. We support parents, who are the primary religious educators of their children, and our hope is that they too will grow in their relationship with God. By incorporating prayer, fellowship, service and teaching, we hope to nurture and support a deep, growing, personal relationship **for all** with Jesus and His Church.

Growth in our Faith is important at all ages. Faith, in and of itself, is a lifetime process forming us along the way. After all, it's about a Divine, unconditional, relationship with God and, like any relationship, needs time to develop and mature. We are always being formed by an amazing, loving God. That searching and yearning we experience within our deepest selves is God inviting us continually to know Him ever more intimately. St. Therese, the Little Flower, once remarked: "O my God, the more You want to give, the more You make us desire."

When parents introduce their child to the formal Faith Formation process they are acting on the promises they made at their child's Baptism to raise that child in the Catholic tradition. Parents have already laid the ground work at home by the practices of good deeds, reading Bible stories, helping the child learn how to make the Sign of the Cross and praying before meals and at bedtime. The Church instructs and enhances the child's knowledge of the Faith. Meanwhile, parents continue nurturing this knowledge by practices already established at home. Knowledge without good works is just information. Slowly this lifestyle begins **to transform us all** and then, through us, God can recreate the face of the Earth!

The 2017 Theme for the Catechetical year is **Living as Missionary Disciples**. As a Church we are all called to be missionary disciples who know and live the faith and confidently share the Gospel. Pope Francis has addressed this message over and over and says, "One of the greatest challenges facing the Church in this generation is to foster in all the faithful a sense of personal responsibility for the Church's mission, and to enable them to fulfill that responsibility as missionary disciples, as a leaven of the Gospel in our world." **Living as Missionary Disciples**, invites us to consider practical ways that we and our families can and do share the Good News of Jesus Christ with neighbors, family members, friends, and those in need.

Our desire at Holy Family is to provide Faith Formation opportunities for all ages. Classes for children and Confirmation preparation will be held monthly on Sunday mornings starting with the 10:30 AM Mass. Throughout the year there will be many other opportunities to come together to grow in faith while connecting with our Holy Family Community. Please see the brochure included in this mailing for dates and always check the bulletin for updated information.

We invite you also to consider becoming part of the active ministry of the Word. This is done first by echoing the word of God in your own life, and second by helping others to do so. Would **YOU** become part of our community here at Holy Family dedicated to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in formal and informal settings? **In your work with adults, families, adolescents and children, YOU are passing on a living faith.**

On behalf of our Holy Family, we thank you for being part of Our Holy Family, and we pray that through sacraments, personal prayer, deeper knowledge of the Faith, and our witness to the Gospel, we may grow together in love for the Lord and further the evangelizing mission of his Church.

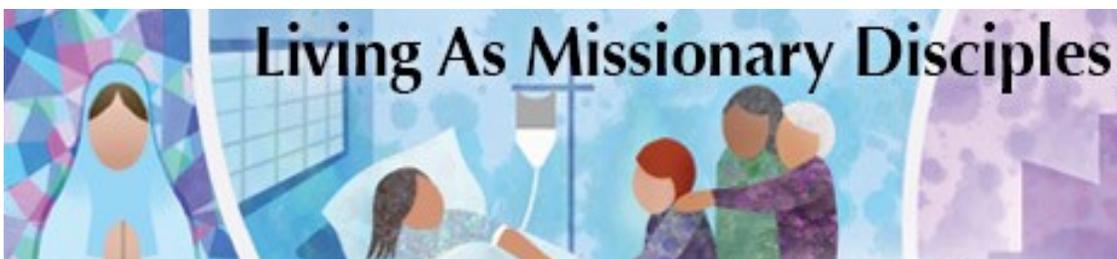
God bless you! Fr. Rodel, Vicki♥, Krisi, and Amanda



The Mission of Holy Family Catholic Parish is to be a welcoming faith community, grounded in Gospel values and dedicated to making God known to our members and all who enter our doors. We foster positive relationships with God and one another through active participation in the ministries of worship, education, celebration, and service to all.

In This Packet

- K to 5th grade Faith Formation Info & registration form
- Sacramental Preparation Info & Registration Form
- Adult Faith Formation Opportunities
- Youth Ministry Info & Registration form



Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

WEEKLY BIBLE DISCUSSION

Fridays 9:00—10:30 AM in the parish center.

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Usually during Advent and Lent.

Contact Vicki if you wish to organize at a different time and I can help you find materials, as well as advertise.

WOMEN'S DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

A monthly opportunity for women to take time away from the busyness of life. There are presentations, quiet time for reflection, sharing, prayer & lunch. Usually 3rd Tuesday of the month. First day will be September 19th 9:30 am—2:30 pm.

ROSARY MAKERS

The Rosary Makers gather monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of every month beginning at **9:30am in the Parish Center**. All supplies are provided and all are welcome. No previous experience is necessary. Come join in this amazing and wonderful ministry. We've sent thousands of rosaries to missions around the world.

CAFÉ—Community and Faith Education

5:00PM Simple Dinner

5:45 PM Breakout sessions

For adults: speakers, faith-sharing, other topics/ faith

For youth: activities/service for kids.

Sometimes we all stay together.

SEASONAL ACTIVITIES:

Seasonal Activities celebrating the Church Year: All Saints Day, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and more will be announced in the bulletin and the Wednesday Word and on the website.

COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULTS

We meet bi-weekly. Wednesdays at 7pm in the Holy Family Gym. Contact Krisi, youth minister, for more information.

MARRIED and FAMILY LIFE

Offers couples an on-going opportunity to see their marriage as sacrament and their relationship as the foundation of their family. Groups will meet monthly in homes with this focus. Please contact Winnie or Andrew Smidt if you wish to be part of a group. **805-216-1609**



DO NOT BE AFRAID
TO GO AND TO BRING CHRIST INTO
EVERY AREA OF LIFE,
TO THE FRINGES OF SOCIETY,
EVEN TO THOSE WHO SEEM FARTHEST AWAY,
MOST INDIFFERENT.
—POPE FRANCIS



Always check the bulletin for updated information. A calendar of Faith Formation dates is included in this mailing. We also post information to our webpage: www.holyfamilyportland.org



Discover MagnifiKid!

Every week, MagnifiKid!
offers

- All the readings and the prayers of the Sunday Mass with explanations of the difficult words and the meaning of the rituals;
- A daily prayer adapted from the Liturgy of the Hours;
- Many suggestions on how to live the entire week with the Lord ;
- Various games, a comic and activities to help children learn about Christian life and culture;
- A page intended for the parents with suggestions for family prayers.

MAGNIFIKID! is the ideal spiritual guide to bring the Mass and prayer closer to the lives of our children!

Orders are \$16 per year and will be sent to the church. Each month we will label them with your name and place them in the back of church.

On your registration form please add \$16.00 if you wish to have your own copy.

Children's Faith Formation Opportunities

CAFÉ NIGHT NURSERY: As Needed

GRADE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION:

Classes for students Kindergarten through 5th grades will meet on **Sunday mornings beginning with the 10:30 AM Mass.**

It is important that 1st graders not in the school enroll if they wish to prepare for 1st Eucharist next year.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word for Children will be offered during both the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Mass for 3 year-old's—4th grade. All students are welcome to join & celebrate the Good News when they attend these Masses. The children are invited by the presider to go with their own Minister of the Word to hear the Word of God proclaimed at their own level of understanding. The children will return to their parents at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

FAITH FORMATION AT HOME

Structured classes on Sunday mornings may not be a do-able option for your family. Parents are the primary religious educators of their children. We would be happy to assist you and provide you with materials and ideas that you might use at home to provide the faith formation for your children.

**SACRAMENTAL PREP INFORMATION
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Those interested in preparing to receive any of the sacraments should be a registered parishioner, unless permission by home parish is given by pastor to receive a sacrament at Holy Family. Parents wanting their child(ren) to participate in the sacramental preparation programs need to have their child(ren) enrolled in the school or in Faith Formation Classes. Classes for parents and children will be offered during the year to prepare for the reception of the Sacraments.

INFANT BAPTISM Parent/Godparent Preparation Classes (Saturday from 9-10:30 AM) and Baptism Weekends are held quarterly. The schedule this year:

<u>Parent/Godparent Class</u>	<u>Baptisms</u>
September 16	October 1 - 10:30 AM Mass or October 15—8:30 AM Mass
December 16	January 7 - 10:30 AM Mass
March 17	April 28 - 8:30 AM Mass
June 16	???

FIRST RECONCILIATION and FIRST EUCHARIST are parent/child/parish programs. To enroll in these programs, children must currently be enrolled in (and attending) Faith Formation Classes or Holy Family School. Families should be registered at Holy Family Parish and attend Mass on a regular basis. Children who wish to receive First Eucharist must be prepared for Reconciliation prior to attending First Eucharist classes. Parents determine if they and their child(ren) are ready to spend the year preparing for the celebration of these sacraments (usually 2nd grade and older). Reconciliation classes are held October—December and Eucharist classes begin in January. Classes are held once a month on Sunday mornings—we will begin at the 10:30 AM Mass—serve a light lunch and have lessons and activities until about 2:00 PM. Parents will attend class with their child(ren) and complete the next 3 lessons at home with their child.

ALL PARENTS considering enrolling children in this program should come to the
INTRODUCTORY SACRAMENTAL MEETING FOR FIRST SACRAMENTS
Sunday—September 24th about 12:15 in the PARISH CENTER following the 10:30 Mass and Reception

CONFIRMATION: Preparation for Freshman through Seniors. Orientation will be on Sunday, September 24 after the 10:30 AM Mass. If you need a confirmation packet contact Krisi in Youth Ministry.

Confirmation for Adult Catholics who have not been confirmed will be offered in the Spring.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Couples planning to marry must contact the pastor through the parish office at least 6 months before any planned wedding date.

SICK, IN THE HOSPITAL OR HOMEBOUND? Please call the parish office, so that we can visit, bring communion or administer the Sacrament of the Sick. If you know of anyone sick or homebound, please call the parish.

PARISH CATECHUMENATE RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

A journey for those interested in learning about the Catholic Faith and considering becoming members of our faith community—our Holy Family. Candidates meet weekly for teaching, sharing, prayer and questions. The Parish Community celebrates various steps in the welcoming of these new members at our Sunday liturgies. Candidates that decide to become members receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist) at Easter Vigil.

Introduction/Informational Meeting—Wednesday, September 20th, 7 PM in the Parish Center

FOR CHILDREN / YOUTH: 1st grade and older, called **RCIA for Children**—scheduled as needed. If you have an older child desiring Baptism, they should be enrolled in the school or in Faith Formation classes, as well as in the Sacramental Programs. **Parents should attend the Introductory Sacramental Meeting on Sept. 24th at 12:15 PM**

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