

Corpus Christi Parish

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Dear Parents,

We are about to begin another new year as Corpus Christi Parish and I welcome all of our students and their parents. Kim Suttie, Pastoral Life Coordinator, Karen Maclean, Faith Formation Assistant and I, all have our offices at St. John Church, with the same phone number, 872-2373. Any questions you may have concerning Faith Formation, one of us should be able to answer!

Classes for K-6

These classes begin the week of Sunday September 20th. Please see the Faith Formation "Refrigerator Card" for times and places. Please choose one site to go to. The Emergency Card and Covenant are also printed on the **back of the registration form**. We need to have this form available in each building the first day of class, so please try to get them back to us promptly. Thank you. As of this writing, we are missing several teachers in our four locations. Last year we offered classes in three places on Sunday: Waterville, Winslow and Fairfield, Tuesday afternoon in Waterville and Wednesday afternoon in Oakland. If we cannot get enough teachers to work with these sessions, we will have to relocate some of the children. For example, if we do not have enough teachers for Sunday Waterville classes, the children will have to go to either Fairfield or Winslow, or one of the afternoon sessions. If you can help us by teaching a class, or team teaching, please call us at the office as soon as possible.

Our registration fee is \$15.00 per child or a total of \$30.00 per family. This can be sent to the office any time **before September 13, 2009**.

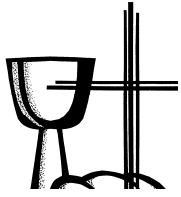
Last year it became a requirement that children who are preparing to make their sacraments in Grade 2 **must have attended class in Grade 1**. It is our hope that by attending classes in First Grade, we can begin to teach them some of the prayers, parts of the Mass, and other aspects of sacramental preparation. Three sacraments in one year is a lot, and by spreading it over two years, we hope to make it a little easier on the children and the parents! **If you have a child in second grade this year, he or she will be able to make these three sacraments only if they were in class last year, or did the "at home" program. If you have a child in first grade this year, and want them to make their sacraments next year, please be sure to register them in our program this year.** If you have questions about this, please call Elaine at the office.

Classes for 7-8, Junior High Youth Ministry

These sessions will be starting later in October. Junior High Youth Ministry includes all five parishes so please register your children if you want them to participate, and we will be mailing information home to you as soon as possible.

Catholic Youth Ministry, High School

Our high school students will continue to meet Sundays at St. John School from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Various other activities throughout the year will be announced in the bulletin. For more information about High School Youth Ministry, please call Gayle and Colby Martin at 968-3518.



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For this year's Grade 2 classes:

Grade 2: First Reconciliation and Confirmation/First Communion Parent Meetings will be held Sunday evening, October 4 at 6:30 pm at St. Francis Hall or Monday evening October 5 at 6:30 pm at St. John School cafeteria. Please choose one to go to. THIS IS A REQUIRED meeting, and very important as you will be receiving information about the sacraments, the registration form for Eucharist/Confirmation, the sponsor form, and permission form to use your child's picture for prayer partners. If you cannot come to either session, call Elaine at the office to make an appointment. All sacrament parents need to attend this meeting to get this information whether your child comes to Faith Formation classes or attends St. John School or Mount Merici School.

Students in Faith Formation grade 2 will be preparing for three sacraments beginning Sunday, Sept. 20, Tuesday, Sept 22 or Wednesday, Sept 23. If you have a child in the 3rd grade or higher, who has not made these sacraments, please be in touch with the Faith Formation office.

Parents are always encouraged to participate as much as possible in the development of the faith life of their child. You are indeed the primary educators and we as teachers are here to help you as much as we can. Please feel free to contact us if you need some assistance. We are eager to help in any way we can.

If you want to work with your child at home, please indicate that on the registration form and stop by the office to pick up the book(s). Books will also be available at the Parish Picnic, Sunday, August 30th. We will not be mailing books this year.

We look forward to seeing you and working with your children in our programs.

God's blessings,