

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Sessions for children in grades 1-5 will begin on Sunday, October 18, 2009. We are beginning later than usual to allow time for catechist training sessions. Registration forms were mailed on Thursday, August 27th, to parents of children who were enrolled in the program last year. We have two forms this year ~ one for children at the Intermediate Level (usually grades 3-5) and another for children enrolled in our Sacramental Preparation process. Please make sure you fill out the correct form for your child. Additional forms and calendars can be found at the entrances of the churches or online at the parish website www.corpuschristinh.org.

Our Sacramental Preparation Policy has been revised. If you did not receive a copy of the new policy in the mail, you can find it on our website. Sacramental Preparation is a two year process. Year I provides children with the foundational knowledge needed in order for them to better comprehend the sacraments which are explored in more detail in Year II. Children must complete the two year preparation process before receiving First Communion. Baptized children with who have not previously participated in faith formation classes and are in grades 1-2 in school will enter into Year I of the process.

Parental Catechesis on the Sacraments: Fr. Kerper will present instruction on the Eucharist in November 2009. All parents are welcome to attend these enriching sessions, but *attendance is required for parents of children in our Sacramental Preparation Program*. Parents of children in Year I may attend this year or next. Parents of children in Year II must attend this year if you did not attend last year. Also, if your child attends St. Patrick School and will receive First Communion in Corpus Christi Parish, you are required to attend. You have two options. You can attend two evening sessions ~ Tuesday, November 3rd, and Tuesday, November 10th, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at St. James Hall ~ or one session on Saturday, November 7th, from 10:00 a.m. – noon in St. James Hall. Registration forms for these sessions were mailed to parents whose children attended grade 1 of faith formation last year.



General Parent Meeting ~ Grades 1-5: Fr. Kerper will conduct a meeting for parents of children in grades 1-5 on Sunday, October 4, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in St. James Hall. Attendance at this meeting is required. Please let us know if you are unable to attend. Call Brenda at 436-4555.



Catechist Training: Fr. Kerper will present three Catechist Training Sessions for all adults who teach Faith Formation in grades 1-10 and who serve on our Youth Ministry Team. These sessions will focus on the basic teachings of the Catholic Faith and will provide you with a better foundation for your ministry as catechist or youth leader. Meetings will take place on three consecutive Tuesday evenings: September 22, 29, and October 6 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in St. James Hall. Child-care will be provided. Please contact your Catechetical Leader if you are unable to attend these sessions.

Thank you for your dedication in handing on the faith to your children.