

Two Rivers Catholic Community



Faith Formation Home Education Handbook

Welcome to Faith Formation Home Education!

At Baptism, all parents accept the responsibility of training their children in the practice of the faith. To assist you with this responsibility, Two Rivers Catholic Faith Community offers a faith formation curriculum if you would like. Your family is very important to us and we are excited you want to teach your child(ren) at home as a family!

May God's Blessings be upon you and your family today and throughout this faith formation year!

To Parents:

We as parents model our faith for our children daily. You are the Domestic Church! (Church in the home.)

What is expected from Parents:

1. Be a good example for your children/youth.
2. Teach and talk about your Catholic Christian values and have Catholic Christian attitudes.
3. Provide opportunities to share in the sacraments offered. (Mass & Reconciliation)
4. Provide prayer opportunities for your children/youth.
5. Go to GIFT Nights with your children/youth.
6. Attend the Children's Masses even if your child/children do not have a special part they are helping with at the Mass.
7. Meet with your Faith Formation Coordinator before the start of the year and at the end of the year.

Before all others parents are bound to form their children by word and example in faith and in Christian living. (Canon 774 #2)

Christmas Programs:

The St. Wendel Christmas Pageant is held the Wednesday before Christmas. On that evening, we tell the story of Jesus' birth through narration by slowly creating a live nativity. Enjoy the story of that wonderful night combined with many cherished Christmas songs. On that night we start with the students at 6:00pm to get everyone in costume and practice the entire pageant. At 7:00pm, we open the doors for a 7:15pm pageant start time for all parents, family, friends and community to come and enjoy.

It has been a tradition at All Saints and for the past couple of years Immaculate Conception to put on the "The Story of the Star" Christmas Program and is held during the Christmas Octave. Much like St. Wendel this is the story of Jesus' Birth. We will have one practice outside of class (TBA). Doors will open at 7:00pm and the pageant will start at 7:15pm.

G.I.F.F.T. Nights:

Generations In Family Faith Together (G.I.F.F. T.) Nights are for grades 6-11. **These are required class nights and attendance is taken. These are also required for home educated students.** At least one parent is required to attend with your child(ren). These are wonderful opportunities to learn more about our Faith.

The first G.I.F.F.T. Night is always the Opening Mass Wednesday in September and is for all Grades K-11. This is our kick off for the year. Our closing Mass is also a GIFFT Night for all Grades K-11.

If your child(ren) is/are unable to attend a G.I.F.F.T. Night please let Katrina know. There will be an assignment related to the topic which you will be asked to do with your child(ren) and together write a summary to be handed in the following class period.

Mass notes/Adoration:

Mass Notes and Adoration are for grades 7-10. Although not required of home educated students it is a good idea to do at least one or two a year for your own records and so that your child(ren) will know how to do them when they get to Confirmation. We have switched to google forms for Mass notes. You can email the director/coordinator and ask for a paper copy or you can just write them in a notebook.

Youth Masses:

There are 2 Youth Masses for each parish scheduled throughout the year that will involve the children/youth to help with ministry roles. This is a wonderful way for the parishioners to get to know who our young people are, for our young people to experience the different ministries throughout the church, and to share their gifts with the parish. It is wonderful for home education students to participate in youth masses so they know what ministries there are in the church for them when they get Confirmed.

Reconciliation:

Reconciliation is an important and often overlooked sacrament. When we sin we hurt or break our relationship with God. By partaking in the sacrament of reconciliation we are reconciled with God and our relationship is mended with him. I will send out information when our ACC reconciliation services are scheduled. There is one during advent and one during lent. Please know that you can always call the central office to schedule reconciliation with Fr. Gregory.

Standards:

The Diocese of St. Cloud has Faith Formation Standards for Kindergarten-8th grade and Confirmation. There is a link to the diocese K-8 standards on our webpage and a downloadable pdf of the K-8 standard prayers that need to be learned.

E.P.I.C.

Every Person In Christ Program is for Grades 6-10. This is following Faith Formation Classes and is a fun way for pre-teens & teens to learn about Christ together. If you have any questions please contact our youth minister at youthminister@tworiverscatholic.com.

Totus Tuus:

Totus Tuus, a latin phrase meaning “totally yours,” was the motto of St. John Paul II. Taken from St. Louis de Montfort’s True Devotion to Mary, it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus through the hands of our Blessed Mother Mary. It also expresses our effort to give all that we have to every young person we encounter.

Totus Tuus is a program for youth dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The goal of **Totus Tuus** is to help young people (grades 1st-12th) grow in their understanding of the faith and love for Jesus and His Church. More information on dates and times will follow.

All-Saints Matching Grant Breakfast

The Matching Grant Breakfast is the fundraiser that helps fund the Faith Formation Program. Students and Parents who are members of All Saints are asked to help. This Breakfast is always on Palm Sunday. Each family who is a part of the All Saints Faith Formation Program is asked to sell 2 booklets of tickets and help work at the breakfast. 2nd Grade parents you are asked to help with the serving line. Children and adults are also asked to help in the dining room. Adults are asked to help in the kitchen. There are two shifts. The Saturday before is setup day and volunteers are needed for this day also. Please mark this on your calendar.

Every year the Christian Mothers Rosary Sodality donates a quilt top and asks for help with the quilting of it. Please consider taking a day to help quilt and older students are more than welcome to come and help also. I will let you know the dates that this is going on.

Immaculate Conception Parish Festival:

This is the main fundraiser for the Faith Formation Program. Students and Parents who are members of Immaculate Conception are asked to help with this. It is usually the last Sunday in June. You will be contacted by a member of the Festival committee with more information.

Contact information:

In case of question or concerns please program the following items into your electronic devices:

<https://tworiverscatholic.com/all-saints-faith-formation/> -to find Faith Formation Information.

Also, the Remind app for weekly and last minute updates.

allsaintsff@tworiverscatholic.com-email account that's checked by Katrina Kolles

(320) 292-1575 --- Katrina's cell phone for ***immediate*** needs of parents and teachers.

Office hours: 9:30a-1p M-F 6p-8p M, T, Th, F

Outside of office hours please email if it is not an emergency. If you are unable to get ahold of Katrina please call Jenny Revermann (Assistant) (320) 249-9949.