



## Saint Priscilla Parish

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Dear Faith Formation Parents,

Welcome to the 2010-11 year of faith formation at Saint Priscilla! We are very excited about the upcoming year. The Lord has blessed us with many new ideas that we will be adding to our overall program that we believe will enhance the quality of your child's faith formation. A few additions you will see this year are:

- **“Head, Heart, Hand” motto-** Our faith formation ministries will aim at catechizing the youth from head to heart to hand: the children will learn what the Catholic faith teaches (head), will encounter the person of Jesus and develop a personal relationship with Him (heart), and will live out what they have learned and experienced (hands).
- **Children’s Liturgical Choir-** All of our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be part of a liturgical choir led by our music director, Jeanne Marie Laframboise. A portion of our classroom time will be dedicated to learning the liturgical songs and Mass parts for the weekend Mass. Every other week, the children will sing at the 11:00 Mass on Sundays (see attached schedule). This is an awesome opportunity to learn first-hand about the Mass!
- **Expanded adult faith formation opportunities-**
  - **Parent Life-** St Priscilla’s faith formation team firmly believes that it is essential to partner with parents. Thus, the “Faith First Forums”, a program specifically tailored for parents, was created last year and well received. These forums, which were offered 4 times during the 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade catechism classes, were aimed at discussing the Catholic teaching that was being taught in the children’s classes. We are pleased to announce that this parent ministry will be returning as “Parent Life”, the new and improved version of the Faith First Forums. Parent Life will focus on providing opportunities for the parents to grow spiritually and to build community with one another. Parent Life will be offered during the class times on Mondays and Wednesdays as well as during the Life Teen/Edge Nights on Thursdays.
  - **Dinner & Dialogue with Fr. Jim-** New this year, Father Jim will be teaching a mini faith series at a local restaurant. Parishioners are invited to enjoy a meal, each other’s company, and hear Fr. Jim candidly explain and apply Catholic teaching to our daily lives. His series of talks will have a common theme and address hot-button issues (more information will be forthcoming).

- **Expanded Confirmation Program**- The youth who receive the sacrament of Confirmation have the dynamic potential to be an injection of life into the parish community. The goal of the Confirmation program is to ignite in the teens a desire to assume an active role in the Church and to heroically live out their faith. This year, we will be increasing our efforts even more to ensure that we achieve this goal. Our Confirmation program will now be a 12 month preparation process which begins at the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade year and concludes at the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Additionally, we strongly encourage those planning on receiving the sacrament to participate in the Edge program beginning in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

As you can see, there are many exciting opportunities to come, for both children and adults. We can't wait to see what the Holy Spirit will accomplish through these ministries!

In closing, we would like to highlight just a few logistical details. For payment options, we offer the choice of either paying in full at the time of registration, or paying a \$50 deposit at the time of registration and making installment payments thereafter (due in October & January). If for any reason you are not able to make the payments, please let us know and we will be happy to work with your unique situation- we will not deny any child faith formation due to lack of funds.

Later in the summer, a placement letter will be sent to you detailing your child's room number and catechist's name. For those child/children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation additional sacramental information will also be mailed out.

Have a wonderful, joy-filled summer! We look forward to seeing you in the Fall!

In Christ's Love,

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