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Dear St. Patrick Families,

Registration is now open for the 2023 – 2024 Faith Formation class sessions. Our goal is to continue to provide a family-friendly program for parents and children learning and serving together. We know research affirms “parental guidance and example are the most important influences by far on their children’s faith”. The best chance of building a life-long faith in children comes from active, involved, and believing parents.

Our Faith Formation sessions are designed to support what parents begin at home by teaching their children about our Catholic faith. Our catechists use developmentally appropriate materials and resources designed to help children learn, understand, grow, and mature in their faith. The teaching materials we use are approved for use in Catholic Faith Formation programs in our Diocese.

Our Faith Formation sessions are for those in the following ages:

- **Kindergarten-5th grade**
- **Edge (grades 6-8)**
- **Life Teen (grades 9-12)**
- **Preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion**
- **Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation**

It is expected that children attend Faith formation sessions on a regular basis every year from Kindergarten through High School. Every child deserves to grow up rooted in the rich tradition of our faith. Enrolling children in Faith Formation sessions every year helps to build a strong foundation of understanding, knowledge and love of our faith that helps every child to grow into a faith filled adult.

“Catechesis aims to bring about in the believer an ever more mature faith in Jesus Christ, a deeper knowledge and love of his person and message, and a firm commitment to follow him. The object of catechesis is communion with Jesus Christ. Catechesis leads people to enter the mystery of Christ, to encounter him, and to discover themselves and the meaning of their lives in him.”

-The National Directory for Catechesis, article 19

How To Register

- Parents or guardians must fill out a new registration form in order to enroll their child(ren) every year. Forms may be found on our parish web page, www.stpatricktampa.org under Faith Formation and in the Parish Office.

- Completed forms may be returned by email to Millicent Griesemer at mgriesemer@stpaustricktampa.org or sent via the U.S. mail, to the attention of Millicent Griesemer, 4518 S. Manhattan Ave, Tampa, FL., 33611

The following documents must be completed and returned with the registration form for children to participate in St. Patrick Faith Formation sessions.

- A copy of a child's Baptismal certificate must be provided for children enrolling for the first time and all children preparing for reception of sacraments Of Holy Communion and or Confirmation.**
- A copy of their child's First Communion Certificate for all Candidates preparing for Confirmation**
- Contact Information Form**
- Student Medical Release**
- In case of divorce and custody agreement: A copy of the most current declaration page from the divorce decree**
- Payment of registration fee/ or payment arrangement**

2022-2023 Faith Formation Registration Fees Per Child

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- Registration fees may be paid online, via the parish website, at www.stpatricktampa.org. Click the Faith Formation tab, selecting "Faith Formation k-5." Under "2023-2024 Faith Formation Registration Packet," click on the "*click here to pay through online giving*" link. Be sure to click on the *fund* drop down menu and scroll to select *religious education*.
- Payment by check should be made payable to St. Patrick Catholic Church.

No child is turned away from enrolling due to an inability to pay the registration fee. Anyone needing assistance with registration or making a payment arrangement should contact the Director of Faith Formation Millicent Griesemer at mgriesemer@stpaustricktampa.org or (813) 839-5337 ext. 131.

Preparing to Receive the Sacraments

Reconciliation/Eucharist customary age: 2nd grade.

Confirmation customary age: 8th grade.

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Tampa supports the Sacramental Preparation policies of the Diocese of St. Petersburg. **One year of attending Faith Formation sessions in a parish program or Catholic school is required before a child will begin a second year of preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.** Sacramental preparation classes require an interview prior to finalizing enrollment and class placement.

For parents with children who wish to prepare to receive sacraments but are outside the customary age and progression for preparing to receive them, we ask that you contact the Faith Formation Director, Millicent at mgriesemer@stpaustricktampa.org or (813) 839-5337 ext. 131.

When do Faith Formation Sessions Meet?

- Faith Formation class sessions for levels Kindergarten through grade 5 meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am – 9:50 am in the school building
- Faith Formation sessions for Edge (grades 6-8) meets twice a month on Friday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Faith Formation sessions for Life Teen (grades 9-12) meet on Sunday evenings beginning with the 5:00 pm Mass until 8:00 pm
- Immediate preparation sessions for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation meet on Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

First Session for Kindergarten – Grade 5

**9/10/2023 Faith Formation Welcome and Family Meeting
9:00 am – 9:50 am in the parish Social Hall.**

For the First class session only: Parents and children meet in the Social Hall at 9:00 a.m. for the Welcome Back Family Meeting. Catechists will be introduced to the parents and children. Catechist will lead children to their classroom. Parents stay in the Social Hall for Faith Formation Orientation Session and then go to the classroom to sign out and pick up their children at 9:50 am

Arrival/Dismissal Procedure for K-5 Faith Formation Classes after 9/10/23. Parents will bring their children directly to their classroom no sooner than ten minutes before 9:00 am to sign them in and greet their Catechist. At 9:50 am parents go to their child(ren) classroom to sign out and pick up their children.

Updates will also be emailed to all registered families. Everyone is asked to check their email and our parish website www.stpatricktampa.org and the parish bulletin for regular updates regarding our K-5, EDGE and LifeTeen sessions.

Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart of our Faith Formation program and help us to carry on the tradition of our faith. St Patrick has been blessed with a group of dedicated catechists, but we are in need of more volunteers to help us to build upon the tradition and keep our children rooted in faith and growing in God's grace. There are a variety of ways for people to volunteer, as Core Team members, catechists, classroom assistants, substitutes and helping with office work. We have resources and support available for all our volunteers. If you would like to help in any capacity, please contact Millicent to find out more, and explore the possibilities.

If you need any assistance with the registration process, please contact Faith Formation staff.

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Registration Form 2023-2024

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Parents/Guardians- Please print clearly.

Family Name: _____ Phone # _____

Mother's Name: _____ Phone # _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____ Email: _____

Father's Name: _____ Email: _____

Father's Phone # _____ Parents Marital Status (circle one) Single Married Divorced Widow/er

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Registered at St. Patrick Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No Name of Church where registered: _____

Child(ren) primarily live with: ☐ Both parents ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Other (name) _____

Primary contact (other than parent) Name: _____ Phone# _____

Relationship to child(ren): _____ Email: _____

1. Child's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Student Cell # _____ Email: _____ Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

My child has received the Sacrament(s)

Baptism: ☐ Yes ☐ No Name of Church: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

First Reconciliation: ☐ Yes ☐ No Name of Church: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

First Communion: ☐ Yes ☐ No Name of Church: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

Confirmation: ☐ Yes ☐ No Name of Church: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

Enrolling for: ☐ Kindergarten – Grade 5 ☐ EDGE Middle School /Grades 6.7 & 8 ☐ LifeTeen/Grades 9-12

☐ Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

2. Child's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Student Cell # _____ Email: _____ Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

My child has received the Sacrament(s)

Baptism: ☐ Yes ☐ No Name of Church: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

First Reconciliation: ☐ Yes ☐ No Name of Church: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

First Communion: ☐ Yes ☐ No Name of Church: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

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3. Child's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Student Cell # _____ Email: _____ Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

My child has received the Sacrament(s)

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First Communion: ☐ Yes ☐ No Name of Church: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

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Acknowledgements for Registration and Waiver of Liability. Parent or Guardian must initial each item below.

- ___ 1. By submitting your email address to St. Patrick Catholic Church, you have opted in to receive up to date Parish and Faith Formation communications through St. Patrick's email and other communication systems.
- ___ 2. Middle and High School Youth who are being registered, by providing this information and signing this form, permission is given for staff and volunteers to communicate directly with your youth through parish and other social networks.
- ___ 3. For all children, images of children may be used on parish electronic and printed media.
- ___ 4. I acknowledge I have been informed about the Safe Environment Program for the protection of my child(ren) and have received a copy of the information.
- ___ 5. Waiver of Liability: I hereby request and give my permission for my child to participate in Faith Formation and/or Youth Ministry. I understand and assume the risks inherent in these events, but also understand that all reasonable care and supervision will be exercised to provide for the general well-being of my child(ren). I, individually, and on behalf of my child(ren) named in this document, do hereby release, covenant not to sue, and save harmless: The Bishop of St. Petersburg, St. Patrick Catholic Church, and their employees, agents and volunteers, from any and all claims for any and all harm arising to my child as a result of their participation in these programs. As the primary catechist for my child, I accept my responsibility to teach at home, for attending the periodic Faith Formation sessions, and helping in whatever capacity I can. I accept my responsibility for my child's attendance and behavior.

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Total Fees Due _____ Paid On line: _____ Check # _____ Balance Due: _____

Notes: _____

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Please complete both sides of Form.

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ ☐ M ☐ F Grade: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

LEGAL AND CUSTODY INFORMATION

Please provide the Director of Faith Formation with all court orders if applicable.

Parent/Guardian (Please provide information on parent/guardian with whom the child lives.)

1. Full Name: _____ Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail address: () _____

Home Phone: () _____

Work No.: () _____

Relationship to child (please circle) Mother Father Legal Guardian Other (specify) _____

2. Full Name: _____ Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail address: () _____

Home Phone: () _____

Work No.: () _____

Relationship to child (please circle) Mother Father Legal Guardian Other (specify) _____

Information for Parent/Guardian with whom the child does NOT live if applicable.

1. Full Name _____ Home Phone: () _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail address: _____ Work No.: () _____

Relationship to child (please circle) Mother Father Legal Guardian Other (specify) _____

2. Full Name _____ Home Phone: () _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail address: _____ Work No.: () _____

Relationship to child (please circle) Mother Father Legal Guardian Other (specify) _____

List local relatives, neighbors, or friends who have your permission to assume temporary care of your child if you cannot be reached or to whom your child may be released for transportation

Name: _____ Phone No.: () _____ Work/Cell No.: () _____

Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Phone No.: () _____ Work/Cell No.: () _____

Relationship: _____

****In case of an accident or serious illness, reasonable efforts will be made to contact the student's parent/guardian. If necessary, 911 will be called and the student will be taken to the nearest hospital according to the decision of emergency personnel.**

STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

Child's Name: _____ ☐ M ☐ F Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

CURRENT MEDICAL CONCERNS

Please check below any health condition(s) your son/daughter may have:

☐ No, my son/daughter has no chronic health conditions.

☐ Yes, my son/daughter has chronic health conditions.

If "Yes", a chronic health condition exists, please check all that apply.

- ☐ ADD/ADHD ☐ Epilepsy/Seizures ☐ Orthopedic Disorder ☐ Nosebleeds ☐ Allergies
☐ Cardiac Problems ☐ Mental/Emotional Disorder ☐ Asthma ☐ Diabetes
☐ Migraine Headaches ☐ Hearing Loss ☐ Concussion within one year
☐ Other: Explain specific symptoms/response requirements.

Does he/she have any allergies/drug allergies? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", list: _____

NB Medication cannot be administered or taken during Faith Formation sessions. If a special circumstance regarding Medications is required, contact to the Director of Faith Formation directly.

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Medication information to be provided to emergency personnel if needed.

Does he/she take any medication on a regular basis? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please complete the following: Name of Medication: _____
Name of Medication: _____
Name of Medication: _____
Name of Medication: _____
Name of Medication: _____

*Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian

*Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian

Please complete both sides of form.