

## Church of St. Anthony

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another year of faith formation for our youth. The Church of St. Anthony's Faith Formation program registration is now underway! As the new Director of Religious Education I am excited to engage our youth in their Catholic faith and bring them closer to God! I aim to do that this year through fun and prayer in the classroom, which will be supplemented by Mass and other activities designed to encourage the youth to embrace their faith.

There are 2 options for enrollment: a traditional Wednesday night program and an online course.

The traditional Wednesday night program will run throughout the school year from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with classroom instruction and activities, and Masses held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at the church at 6:45. On Mass day students should report to their classrooms before Mass at 6:30. Now that the new Parish Center is almost complete, classes will be held there as well as in the rectory. In the event of school closings due to inclement weather, faith formation classes for that evening will be cancelled as well.

The online Faith Formation program is available for students in Grades 1-6 & 8-9. The online program is not an option for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade (Confirmation) or 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (Theology of the Body). The online option is available for families who would like to be responsible for the faith formation of their children. More information on this program is located at [www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com](http://www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com) under the *Faith and Life* heading. There is an additional form in this packet to complete for students enrolling in this option. In addition to the online curriculum, parents need to ensure that additional requirements of the program are met. The additional requirements include Wednesday night Mass participation (the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month starting in October), Student Confession (Advent and Lent), Safe Environment training (September 21: grades 1-5, September 28: grades 6-9), and testing at home the prayers required for the year. Second grade students must also attend sacramental retreats and rehearsals. The online course begins September 14, 2016 and ends May 3, 2017. To be eligible for the online program you must be either new to the online program or have completed the online program as well as the additional requirements, the year before. Anyone who was enrolled in the online program but has not completed the course from the previous year will not be eligible to enroll in the online program for this next year.

**Cost:** \$50 per student, maximum of \$150 per family. The cost is due with this form by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. ***No child will be refused because of financial reasons!***

**Registering:** Please return the registration forms and payments by mail or bring to the parish office. Registration can also be dropped off at the Eden Valley Elementary School open house. Registrations are due August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Faith Formation Communications:**

E-mail and Remind (text messages) will be used to communicate any changes to the schedule. **To sign up for “remind” texts, please text (320) 338-0712 and type @379d11. You can opt-out anytime by replying 'unsubscribe @379d11'.** An updated schedule will be also posted on the parish’s website.

**Faith Formation Class Rules**

Students may not arrive at their classrooms before 6:15.

Hallway monitors will stop running, yelling, and unnecessary movement. Hallway monitors will supervise any student removed from class and help teachers lock up.

A student who misbehaves will be removed from the classroom. The parents will be notified and the student will not be allowed back into class unless accompanied by one parent for the next entire class period. If the parents are too busy to attend, the child will remain home until the parent finds time to attend.

Group and activity pictures may be posted on our website or our Facebook page throughout the year – please notify the office in writing if you prefer that your child NOT be included in such photos.

We are looking forward to working with you and your children in the coming year!

Jessica Teicher, Director of Faith Formation  
Arliss Stenger, Coordinator of Faith Formation (grades 1-6)