

# Church of St. Anthony

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.” -Proverbs 3:5-6

## **Wednesday Night Programs** Please reference the included class schedule:

- This year, as you have likely noticed, by all the info that has been sent home, we are implementing a new **Family Faith Formation** model. For this program to work, it is essential that parents attend this once-a-month event on the second Wednesday of the month with their K-6<sup>th</sup> grade children and do their best to complete the 3 family home lessons on off-weeks.
  - If scheduling conflicts arise and you are unable to attend the second Wednesday night scheduled class time that month you are welcome to attend the first Wednesday night class time also from 6-8pm at Assumption in Eden Valley.
- Just like last year, the 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders will meet for their faith formation classes at St. Anthony (see schedule for exact dates).
- This year, just like last, our 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will have a monthly youth ministry night. 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will always meet at Assumption and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will always meet at St. Anthony (see schedule for exact dates and times). Please also note the time change from last year. The time has been extended to line up with Family Faith Formation nights. Please also note you are always welcome to drop off your child early or pick them up late from youth nights if need be on your Family Formation night.
- Grade 11, who are in their second year of Confirmation preparation, will meet on the following Wednesdays, **6:30pm-8pm** rotating between parishes:
  - St. Anthony Parish Hall: September 21<sup>st</sup>, October 26<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup>, and December 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Assumption Parish Hall: January 18<sup>th</sup>, February 15<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>, and April 19<sup>th</sup>

**Safe Environment Training:** Due to diocesan requirements, all students will be given Safe Environment Training which will take place in September. If you do not wish for your child to participate, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

**Registering:** Please return the registration forms and payments by mail, the Sunday collection, or in the basket at the back of the church marked “Faith Formation Registrations”.

**Registrations are due Sunday, August 21st.**

**Baptismal Information:** If you haven’t already submitted baptismal records for your child/ren, we would need a copy of the baptismal certificate to keep on file.

**Cost:** \$50 per student, maximum of \$150 per family. Please submit payment with your registration form by August 21st. No child will be refused because of financial reasons! Please reach out to the Faith Formation Office to request Sponsorship by a fellow parishioner.

\*\*\*For 11<sup>th</sup> graders, please **submit and extra \$50** to cover a portion of the cost for the weekend Confirmation Retreat scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Faith Formation Communications:**

**-E-mail:** Email will continue to be the main source of communication. Please be sure to include your best email on your registration form. You will be emailed about any changes to the schedule and about upcoming events. An updated class schedule will also be posted on the parish website.

**Volunteers:** We have the need for more volunteers. Please prayerfully consider being part of our Faith Formation program! Virtus Safe Environment Training and a background check will be assigned per diocesan guidelines.

**Pictures:** Pictures may be posted on our parish 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.

**Contact Information:** The parish contact lists need to be updated. **Please notify the office in writing if you do NOT want your cell phone and e-mail information passed on to the parish office.**

**Missed Anyone?** Do you know of anyone new to this parish community that we might have missed? Please call or email Nancy or Bonnie at 320-453-5765 or [evwcatholic@gmail.com](mailto:evwcatholic@gmail.com).

You are welcome to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to assist as you need. Please remember the teachers, aides, and students in your prayers throughout this year and know that your families will continue to be in ours!

God's Blessings,

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