



FAITH FOR LIFE - Registration 2018-2019

Faith for Life—creating a welcoming process of lifelong learning and formation in the Catholic faith for families, children, and adults at St. Joseph's Church.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Faith for Life family registration process for the 2018-2019 school year. This year we continue to bring children together with their parents to learn together. Growing together as families of faith is of the highest importance to the Catholic Church and here at St. Joseph's. We will support you in making faith a priority in your family life by collaborating with you in a variety of ways in the coming year:

- † Together—families, children, and adults—we grow in knowledge of Catholic teachings; Scripture, and the Christian way of life;
- † The Sunday Mass is the source and summit of our life in Christ;
- † Moral formation is at the heart of what we teach;
- † Prayer is an essential element of how we experience God;
- † Building community happens when we learn and share faith together;
- † We are a mission driven people, called to serve in our community and the world.

At St. Joseph's we are committed to welcoming your family each and every Sunday and it is our mission to assist you in finding ways to fully and joyfully participate. Where do you start? Come to Church on Sunday each week.

See you in Church!
Fr. James A. Schwartz, Pastor

HOW TO REGISTER:

- Go to our website: www.sjcpenfield.com and click on the Faith for Life tab for online registration and complete:
 1. the online registration,
 2. submit the fee payment electronically via a credit card or by mailing a check to the office. *Checks should be made out to St. Joseph's Faith for Life.*Both steps must be completed for the enrollment to be processed. Incomplete registrations will be placed on the waiting list pending completion. Paper registration forms are also available and can be done in person at the parish office which is open Mon. – Fri., 8:30AM-5PM
- Please contact the Pastoral Offices (585) 586-8089 if you need any additional information

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY to help us prepare the best experience for your child!

SUMMER REGISTRATION

The Summer Session is an intensive traditional classroom style of Faith Formation for grades kindergarten through 5th. During the 30 hours of instruction in this two-week period, children complete one full year of catechesis: daily attendance for all three lessons is important.

MATERIAL COST: **SUMMER FAITH FORMATION: \$75 per child.** All other offerings: \$50 per child for each offering. Fee for Youth Group to be determined.

FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS FOR 2018-2019

All Faith for Life offerings provide opportunities for families to learn together. Parents are the best teachers of faith. Our mantra is that if we as adults are not learning and seeking God in our lives, how can we expect faith to take root in the hearts of our children? The Diocese of Rochester requires that each Faith Formation offering provides 30 hours of catechetical instruction.

SUMMER FAITH FORMATION, GRADES K-5

This is an intensive traditional classroom style of Faith Formation for **grades Kindergarten through 5th**. The session begins on Sunday July 8, 2018 at the 11am Mass with a family Welcome and Orientation to follow. It continues for the children Monday through Friday July 9 to July 20 from 8:45 am to noon, and includes a closing Mass on Friday. *An adult family member is required to volunteer in each child's class at least one morning during the summer session.*

This intensive two-week session is only one part of your family's ongoing faith development which includes regular participation in Sunday Eucharist, and involvement in the various Faith Formation activities offered throughout the year. Families participating in summer faith formation are encouraged to join any of our other Faith for Life offerings during the year without additional material costs.

SCHOOL YEAR FAITH FORMATION, GRADES K-5

Wednesdays, 6:15 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

This is a classroom-style of Faith Formation for grades Kindergarten through 5. Children meet on several Wednesdays each month from mid-September through early May. Family events to enrich the family's experience of learning in faith together are an integral part of this Faith Formation offering. This is a collaborative learning experience, and as parents are the first and best catechists of their children, you are invited to take a more active role with an enhanced family presence, activities for the home, and participation in monthly family sessions.

GATHERED FAMILY FAITH, GRADES K-5

All families are welcome to consider two options featuring the gathering of several families to learn together. In addition to the use of your family Bible, a Catholic Catechism and other resources will be made available for each family. *One format gathers "at St. Joseph's," facilitated by parents with staff; the other gathers "in the home," facilitated by parents in collaboration with Faith for Life staff.* Gathered Family Faith gathered at St. Joseph's will meet on Sunday afternoons following the 11AM mass. Families wishing to explore the At Home option will meet with staff to determine if this option is a good fit for your family. All families continue learning at home between gathered sessions with materials provided by St. Joseph's.

Youth Nights - YOUTH MINISTRY, GRADES 6-12

Our goal is to provide an experience of prayer, faith formation, service and community building so that youth are empowered to take ownership of the way they live out their faith each day. Parent involvement is an integral part of Youth Ministry. Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be integrated with the 8th and 9th grade curriculum.

FAITH BASED EDUCATION: ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL



St. Joseph's School invites you to discover the advantages of a faith based education in a Christian environment where the values of compassion, integrity, and faith are woven into the structure of a balanced curriculum. Grades Pre-K (ages 3&4) and Kindergarten through 6th are offered. We invite you to witness the difference that an SJS education will make for your family. We offer comfortable class size for all grades. Financial assistance is available.