

April 4, 2019

Dear Friends and Families,

Warmest greetings and blessings as we continue our Lenten Journey and prepare to celebrate the great joy of Easter 2019!

Thank you for taking the time throughout this past year to share your suggestions and support. Your communications and input assist us tremendously as we set direction for our new year. We look forward to building and strengthening the Domesitic Church together, throughout our 2019-2020 Faith Formation year here at St. John's!

Attached you'll find our current Registration form. We ask that you return it by June 1<sup>st</sup>. It is our hope that you'll be able to visit our Rel. Ed Office when you bring/pick-up your child/ren for class, sometime prior to your child's last Religious Ed. class in May.

Our students are blessed to be part of such a wonderful faith community here at St. John's. Thank you for taking every opportunity possible to encourage your child's attendance, participation and involvement in our Faith Community. We encourage you to continue to take time daily/weekly to pray, stay connected, gather as a parish family, frequent the Sacraments and join in the responsibilities of being active members here at St. John's. Looking for opportunities to get your children involved in Youth Group, service oriented projects, sharing their weekly "offering" and assisting with ministry attends to the need we all have "to belong" and to take-on responsible membership. Putting Sunday's celebration with your "Faith Family" as a highlight of your week, is sure to reap abounding blessings and together we'll lay the groundwork for life-long discipleship.

You'll note on our 2019-2020 Registration Form that our program for grades 7-8 continues to be offered on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings to assure attendance for your child's preparation for Confirmation. High School Rel. Ed will be offered on Wed. evenings along with "Faith Sharing" on Sundays after 9:00 Mass (in the Youth Room). Sacrament Prep for Grades 2 will also be offered on both Wednesday and Thursday evening this year. Again attendance is so very important for your child's preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. RCIC Class will meet on Wed. evening, offering students in Grades 3-6 the opportunity to prepare for Sacraments of Initiation. It is our hope that all your family needs on all grade-levels will be accomodated by our diversified schedule and options for enrollment.

Our "Good Shepherd" program is available for all our 3 Year Olds, 4 Year Olds and Kndg on Sunday mornings during our 9:00 and 11:00 Masses and again on Wed. evening at 6:00pm.

May I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your readiness to assist as Catechists, Aides and Assistants. Our Religious Ed program relies strongly on the generosity of volunteers to assist with this significant ministry. Our goal is to have a full-diverse Team, per grade level on-board as we begin our new year. Please consider offering your services to assist.

Please don't hesitate to call and/or e-mail our Rel. Ed Office, if this communication and our attached 2019-2020 Registration form doesn't answer all your immediate questions.

Most sincerely and prayerfully,

Sr. Jane Keller SSJ

Director of Religious Ed