## 2021-2022 Faith Formation Registration Information

## Online Registration Due by Oct 20th

Please use the Google Registration Form found on our website (osceolacatholic.org/youth-programs) to register each of your children for Faith Formation this year. If you do not have internet access, please contact St. Joseph's Parish Office at (715) 294-2243 to receive paper registration forms.

3, 4, 5 & 6-Year-Olds: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori based faith formation program that seeks to develop a child's deep love for God through hands on materials and presentations that introduce and allow them to explore their relationship with Him and His infinite love for them. CGS sessions will take place beginning Nov 7<sup>th</sup> in St. Joseph's classroom #1 on Sundays from 8:00 to 9:30.

<u>PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades:</u> Students along with their families meet the first and second Sunday of each month in St. Joseph's Social Hall. One monthly meeting will include workshop activities for families to participate in together. The other month's meeting will focus on a social/service activity for all family members. Families will also be given take home activities related to the month's focus. This year's curriculum will cover the Seven Sacraments. Family Catechesis meetings will take place beginning Nov 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30 in the Social Hall.

<u>6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Grades:</u> Students will meet weekly in St. Joseph's Social Hall with supper at 5:30 and class running from 6:00 to 7:15. Class format will include a large group presentation, Eucharistic Adoration and small group discussion lead by catechists where students will explore the theme and ideas presented during the large group session. Optional social activities/games will be offered at the end of class. Monthly service activities will also be included as part of the curriculum.

<u>First Reconciliation & First Communion Preparation:</u> Meetings begin Sept 1<sup>st</sup> for those families who are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Students must be **at least** 7 years of age and in 2nd grade by Sept. 1st and enrolled in our Faith Formation program to be eligible to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Communion this year.

<u>Youth Mass:</u> Students will be invited to serve in lay ministry roles for Youth Masses which take place the first Sunday of each month November – April. Students prepare for their roles during class time.

<u>Fees:</u> \$50 per child, \$100 maximum per family. After Nov 7th: \$60 per child, \$110 max Please send tuition fee with your child on the first day of class or mail to St. Joseph Parish, PO Box 399, Osceola, WI 54020. If tuition imposes a financial hardship, please contact St. Joseph's Parish Office to request a tuition adjustment. We are committed to offering faith formation programing for all children.

<u>Attendance</u>: Attendance is very important. We request that you will commit to bringing your child to each scheduled class whenever possible. It is also our expectation that every student will attend Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade in order to lay the ground work for the sacrament preparation that students participate in during 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

<u>Families are encouraged to attend Mass every week and on Holy Days of Obligation:</u> The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Our faith flows from the Eucharist and Faith Formation is empty without participation in the Mass. The living witness of family members practicing their Catholic faith will help us to support you as Christian parents and grandparents.

**Remind App:** The Remind app is used to send short text reminders to Faith Formation families.

**Extreme Faith Camp:** All students currently enrolled in  $6^{th} - 12^{th}$  grade are invited to experience a weeklong camp filled with active adventures, powerful talks, music and Catholic prayer experiences. Middle Schoolers participate as campers and high schoolers are welcomed as prayer team members and group leaders.

**Covid19 Procedures:** Please see the Parent Handbook for all planned procedures related to COVID19 virus.