



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Dear Faith Formation Families,

Welcome back to Faith Formation! I hope that your summer breaks were restorative and full of family fun. With renewed spirits, we now return to classes and share in the joy of learning and exploring more about our faith. Faith Formation classes begin on **Sunday, September 14, 2025, 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.** Please plan to arrive early if you have not yet registered your child(ren) - registration paperwork will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the lobby of Case Avenue Elementary and the St. Joseph Church Guild Hall.

Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade will meet in the lobby of Case Avenue Elementary School. Parents/guardians must come to the lobby to pick up their students in grades K-3; 4th and 5th grade students will be permitted to meet their parents/guardians in the parking lot. Students in 6th through 9th grade will meet in the Guild Hall (church basement). The Edge Program (grades 6-8) utilizes the main Hall space and 9th grade Confirmation students have class in the Guild Hall Annex. **Class begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. and students will be dismissed at 10:45 a.m.**

Weekly attendance is very important for your child(ren) to deepen their understanding of the faith and strengthen their relationship with Christ. Lessons build upon one another in a meaningful sequence. Mass attendance and participation is paramount to faith formation. We strongly encourage families to attend Mass together, however, many of our catechists are willing to have the students sit with them at 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please speak to your child's catechist or Melissa Joseph, DRE, if interested.

Finally, please make sure that the Office of Faith Formation has your most up-to-date and preferred contact information and add StJosephSharonFaithFormation@gmail.com to your contacts to ensure you do not miss our emails. We primarily use email for communications and the Remind app for quick reminders and announcements. Updates and information can also be found on the church website: <https://www.sharoncatholic.org/>.

“And your ears will hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it.’” (Isaiah 30:21) Please know that the members of the St. Joseph Faith Formation Program are committed to walking with your families on your faith journeys and we hold you in our prayers.

Peace in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Joseph".

Melissa Joseph

Director of Religious Education