

August 2019

Dear Parish Family of St. Therese,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the summer season!

We are going “Back to Basics” (B2B) with our Catholic faith fundamentals once again with the upcoming 2019-2020 formation year. This is so important on our journeys as Catholic Christians since it encompasses the basic groundwork of our faith that prepares each of us with the tools to actively live according to the Gospel. This year we are doing something a bit different with the scheduled agendas as well. Each B2B session will include: an Adult (ages 18 and up) rotation, a High School/Middle School (ages 11-17) rotation and a Children’s (ages 4-10) rotation. Father Kevin, Deacon Bubba and I will facilitate most of the Adult and High School/Middle School rotations. Our Children’s rotations will be primarily facilitated by Dianne Bailey, our Sacramental Prep Coordinator and other designated catechetical leaders.

It is a program designed **for EVERYONE within our parish family, ages 4 and up. However, please remember that ALL children (15 years and younger) must be accompanied by parents/legal guardians at each of the sessions.**

Below are the listed dates/times for the sessions this upcoming 2019-2020 formation year:

- **Sunday, September 22nd ANTI-BULLYING (12:15-2:30pm)**
- **Sunday, October 20th PRAYER: CONVERSATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (12:15-2:30pm)**
- **Sunday, November 17th LITURGY (12:15-2:30pm)**
- **Sunday, December 8th ONE STARRY NIGHT (12:15-2:30pm)**
- **Sunday, January 26th WORD OF GOD: OLD TESTAMENT (12:15-2:30pm)**
- **Sunday, February 23rd CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS: RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPTION FOR THE POOR & VULNERABLE (12:15-2:30pm)**
- **Sunday, March 29th SACRAMENTS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK & EUCHARIST (12:15-2:30pm)**

The above-listed are two-hour sessions on Sundays following the 11:00am liturgy. The session descriptions and schedule can also be found on our church website (<http://www.sttheresechesva.org>) under “Faith Formation”. Registration for the sessions is currently happening and will be both online and via hard copy. Look for upcoming details regarding the registration process in the bulletin and/or on the Formation bulletin board in our Commons area.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are registered in a sacramental preparation program (First Eucharist, Confirmation, and/or RCIA/RCIC), it is IMPERATIVE to attend all the Sunday sessions of “Back to Basics” in 2019-2020 as part of your learning journey. Children (ages 15 and under) MUST attend with their parents/legal guardians. If you have any extenuating circumstances, please contact me at the office @ (757) 488-2553 x309 to discuss.

We are excited to be able to provide a wonderful, fresh, inspiring formation program to assist and serve each one of you on your journeys as we all seek to model our lives after our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. God bless each of you.

Sincerely,

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