



St. Charles Borromeo Office of Faith Formation

Dear Parents,

Spring is almost here and another PREP year is nearing the finish line. There have been several changes this year. There is the addition of the Sunday Family Faith Formation, the faith-filled activities and Sunday First Communion Masses as well as First Communion moving to level 2.

We are happy to announce a new PREP program for families of St. Charles. This summer we will hold a one week session that will take the place of attending weekly classes during the school year. The session will be held June 20th through June 24th, 9:00 AM to 1 PM. Students entering first grade are eligible to register for level 1. Students going into second grade but have not had any religious education are also encouraged to sign-up for level 1. Classes are also available for students entering levels 3, 4, 5 and 6. Students entering level 2 and level 7 which are the sacramental years must attend the weekly classes starting in the fall.

Each day will be filled with religious lessons, art and music plus snack time. Snacks will be provided. Please be sure to inform us of allergies on the registration form.

As with the current program, Sunday family PREP sessions and parish activities must be attended by one parent and all PREP children in the family. Both parents are encouraged to attend and younger children are welcome. Families are expected to attend four Sunday family get-togethers and 4 faith filled activities. Participation in Sunday Family Faith Formation will provide parents with ideas and information to help bring their faith into their home while giving the kids a refresher on what they learned in the summer. Plus, it gives families a chance to share faith with each other.

To register, all past due balances must be fully met and children must have good current PREP attendance or legitimate reason why attendance has not been good. Registered students must attend every session in order for the class to count for the school year. ***THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!*** Another requirement is confession at least once a year. However, the most important requirement is attending weekly Mass.

The catechist for each level is a certified/professional teacher. The office staff and teacher's aides are parents/guardians and teen volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office as soon as possible so the process for obtaining clearances can be completed before June.

Because professional teachers will serve as Catechists, the fee for Summer PREP reflects an increase. The cost is \$170 for one student, \$300 for two students and \$100 for each additional child. Families must be in the same household to get the discount. There is also a fee discount for those parents/guardians volunteering their time in the Summer program. It will be prorated based on the hours of service.

We look forward to this new program and hope your child will join us.

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