

Saint Mary's Visitation Catholic Formation

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of St. Mary Visitation Students:

As the new Catholic Formation Directors, we are filled with joy as we begin our time at St. Mary's Visitation Parish. Thank you to many of you who have welcomed us and expressed your zeal for Catholic Formation. We are excited to continue some of the programs that have existed in the past, as well as bringing in our own style of ministry.

We began officially here on July 1st and therefore apologize for the lateness of this mailing and registration. Please take time now to register your child/children by filling out the enclosed registration form.

Please read the following information carefully:

- St. Mary's Visitation Parish is no longer collaborating with St. Joseph Parish for Catholic Formation.
- All students must register every year regardless of what grade they are in or where they go to school.
- Catholic School Students, except 11th grade students, do not need to attend classes but need to register for our records and for mailings. No registration fee is charged unless you are in 11th grade Confirmation.
- K-8th grade Catholic Formation will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:15 pm at St. Mary's.
- High School Catholic Formation will be held on Sunday evenings at St. Mary's beginning at 7 pm in the Atrium.
- We will be starting a new program for Middle School and High School teens called The EDGE and LIFETEEN.
- An informational meeting for all parishioners, including parents, teens and interested volunteers, explaining EDGE and LIFETEEN will be held two times, at 10am and at 12 noon, following Mass in the Atrium on Sunday, August 14th.
- All 11th grade students, including Catholic High School students, must be enrolled in our Confirmation program. It is comprised of class sessions, service work and a retreat. Based on Archdiocesan Sacramental guidelines, all 11th grade students must attend Confirmation classes at their parish.
- Retreat and Sacramental fees are separate from the registration fee. Separate mailings will be sent out later in the year or given out at orientation meetings.
- Fee schedule is located on back of registration form. Please note that are costs are lower this year!
- Please assist us by returning your registration form to the **St. Mary Visitation Parish Office**, at the address above, as soon as possible. The deadline for registration is **September 1st**.
- A schedule of events, class times and more will be mailed home later in the summer. Orientation meetings will follow in September so that everyone will have a full understanding of the Catholic Formation Programs.
- Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time within the Catholic Formation program.

We look forward to working with your children and meeting all of you. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call or stop by at the St. Mary's Visitation Parish Office. Have a wonderful rest of the summer!

In Christ,

Dave Braun
Child and Adult Minister

Brian Magliocco
Youth Minister