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PARENT GUIDE FOR 4K – GRADE 8 Quick-Start Guide for Faith Formation Parents Essential Tips for 4K – Grade 8 Families

Welcome to a new year of Faith Formation!

While our volunteer catechists love teaching your children each week, the most impactful faith lessons happen at home.

You are the primary teacher of your child's faith, and we are here to support you.

Here are a few simple ways to make this year a wonderful success.

1. THE POWER OF ROUTINE

Sunday Mass

Prioritize the Mass

The absolute best way to reinforce what your child learns in class is by attending Sunday Mass together as a family.

Connect the Leaflets

Our program uses weekly Gospel handouts. Take a quick look at the leaflet with your child on Sunday afternoon or evening to see what they discussed.

2. CLASSROOM & HALLWAY SAFETY GUIDELINES

To ensure every child can grow in their faith, we must protect the learning environment. Because class time is brief, cooperation is essential.

No student can disrupt another student's ability to learn.

Hallway Movement

We know children are energetic, but please remind them to use walking feet in the hallways to prevent accidental bumps or falls.

Keep Hands to Yourself

Physical aggression, including hitting, pushing, or rough play, is not allowed under any circumstances.

Respect Personal Space

Children are expected to keep their hands and feet to themselves and respect the physical boundaries of their classmates and catechists.

Parent Cooperation

If a student continues to cause major disruptions or compromise building safety after a reminder, we will reach out to you directly so we can work together on a solution.

3. REVERENCE & BEHAVIOR IN CHURCH

Throughout the year, our classes will regularly visit the church for prayer, adoration, or liturgical lessons.

The church is God's house, and we need your help teaching children how to behave in this sacred space.

Absolute Quiet Moving

Running, jumping, or horseplay is strictly forbidden inside the church building at all times.

Respect for God's House

Students are expected to use indoor voices, sit quietly in the pews, and show respect for the altar, the tabernacle, and those around them who are praying.

Practice at Home

You can help by practicing a moment of silent prayer with your children at home or reminding them to genuflect when entering a pew.

4. SIMPLE "AT-HOME" FAITH HABITS

You do not need a theology degree to teach your child about God!

Try these simple, low-pressure habits:

Pray Together Daily

Keep it simple. Say a bedtime prayer, bless your meals, or pray a traditional Catholic prayer, such as the Our Father or Hail Mary, on the drive to school.

Talk About God Normally

Share how God helps you in daily life. Let your child hear you say things like, "I am praying for Grandma today," or "I need to ask God for patience right now."

Ask Open Questions

Instead of asking, "What did you do in class today?" try asking:

- "What was the Sunday Gospel story about?"
- "What is one thing you learned about Jesus today?"

5. IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Be on Time

Because our classes are only 75 minutes a week, every minute counts! Please arrive a few minutes early so your child doesn't miss the opening prayer.

Read and Use the Materials Your Child Brings Home

Your child will bring home a "Gospel Weekly" Handout and occasional other materials. Check every week for important information, parish announcements and calendar updates.

Keep your Contact Information Updated

If your phone number, email, or emergency contact changes, please notify the parish office immediately.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for trusting us to walk alongside your family this year!

We look forward to growing together in faith and helping your children know, love, and live their Catholic faith.

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HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

FAITH IN ACTION — CHOOSE YOUR CLASS!

Explore Your Gifts • Try Something New • Have FUN!

Choose a Faith in Action group that interests you. Each group combines faith, fellowship, hands-on activities, and the gifts and talents of the Catechists leading the group.

HORSE CARE

Mrs. Rautman

Sundays • 3:00 PM • Amazing Grace Equine Sanctuary — Elkhart Lake

Spend time with horses while learning about caring for animals, responsibility, and serving others.

POETRY

Mr. Chandler

Sundays • 11:30 AM • St. Dominic

Explore poetry, creativity, writing, and ways to express thoughts, ideas, and faith through words.

LAW • CREATIVE WRITING • ART

Mr. Morgan & Ms. Dehling

Tuesdays • 6:30 PM • St. Dominic

Explore law, creative writing, and art while discovering how different gifts and interests come together.

SERVICE • MUSIC • FIXING STUFF

Mr. Hackney

Tuesdays • 6:30 PM • St. Dominic

Put interests into action through service, music, and hands-on projects.

MUSIC • CRAFTING

Mrs. Bergman & Mrs. Nienhuis

Tuesdays • 6:00 PM • St. Dominic

Create, make, and make music through hands-on crafting and musical experiences.

SCIENCE • WOODWORKING • SPORTS & MOVEMENT

Mr. Bergman & Mr. Nienhuis

Tuesdays • 6:15 PM • St. Dominic

Experiment, build, move, and have fun with science, woodworking, sports, and movement.

FAITH & FORK

Ms. Kunesh

Sundays • 9:00 AM • St. Dominic

Explore faith through food, conversation, fellowship, and hands-on experiences around the table.

NOW... WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

Take a little time to think about which group sounds like something YOU would enjoy. You don't have to be an expert or have experience—just bring your interests, your ideas, and yourself!

LEARN • LIVE • GROW