

# Church of Corpus Christi

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Dear Parents of Preschool through High School Youth:

We invite you to enroll your child(ren)/teen(s) in the Corpus Christi Faith Formation and Sacrament programs for this fall. We believe that faith formation is a lifelong process and we encourage children, as well as Senior High youth and adults, to grow in their faith. Children in preschool - grade 5 are invited to register for Sunday School and youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to register for our Wednesday Night program. (Please note that the Preschool Program can be a two-year program for your child. Child must be at least 3 years old and potty-trained.)

Enclosed in this letter you will find a registration form, as well as schedules for the year. Please complete the registration form and return it, with payment. You can also go to the website and complete the fillable registration form and submit it via email, as well as use the "Donate Now" button on the homepage to make an online tuition payment. If you register before September 1, you will receive \$20 per child off your tuition. Please see registration form for prices. You may use one form to enroll all children, preschool (ages 3-5) through grade 12. Also use this form to enroll your child for sacramental preparation (Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation). See the next page for explanations and expectations for programming and sacraments.

Please include an email address on your registration form. We use email as our primary means of communication. If you do not have email access, note that somewhere on the form. We are asking that each family also choose a volunteer position. If you would like to be in and receive a copy of our Faith Formation Family Directory, please indicate this on the registration form.

We work hard to make sure that faith formation is available to all families. We offer confidential scholarships and payment plans. Just check the box on the registration form and staff will contact you to discuss options. If you wish to donate to our scholarship program, you may do so on the registration form. We appreciate your generosity!

Please take some time now to copy the faith formation schedules into your family calendar. You may also upload our Google Calendars from the website: [www.churchofcorpuschristi.org](http://www.churchofcorpuschristi.org). This is a simple way to add the Sunday School, Wednesday Night and Sacrament calendars to your electronic calendars (iPhone, Android, Outlook, etc.) in a couple of clicks!

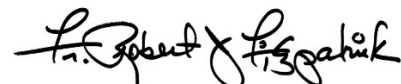
- **September 6, 7:00 pm** Confirmation Orientation for parents and students
- **September 10, 9:00am** Sunday School classes begin for preschool through grade 5
- **September 20, 4:45-8:30pm** Middle School NET Retreat
- **September 20, 7:00 pm** Wednesday Night Program begins for Confirmation
- **September 27, 7:00 pm** Wednesday Night Program begins for grades 6 through 8 and Sr. High

May God bless your family!

Sincerely,



Amanda Waitas  
Director of Faith Formation  
Nursery, Grades P-5,  
Reconciliation & First Eucharist



Father Robert Fitzpatrick  
Pastor



Liz Russell  
Coordinator of Youth Faith Formation  
Grades 6-12, Confirmation

## **Faith Formation Program Explanations**

**Sunday Nursery** - During Sunday School Sundays, all children who are preschool-age or younger are invited for to attend the Sunday Nursery from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Adult and teen volunteers staff the nursery. There is no fee or registration required to attend.

**Sunday School** - Sunday School is held on Sunday mornings during the school year. Children start class at 9:00 am and are brought to Mass around 10:00 am to join their family for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Class time includes Liturgy of the Word. There are two Sunday School-wide service projects during the year. Preschool (must be at least 3 years old and potty-trained) through 5th Grade.

**Middle School** - Faith Formation for Grades 6-8 are held on Wednesday evenings during the school year. Program starts at 7 pm in the church with an opening prayer time before youth go to their classrooms. Program ends at 8:30 pm.

**Senior High** - Meets on Wednesday evenings 7-8:30 pm. Social Justice and community building activities are held throughout the year.

**First Reconciliation & First Eucharist** - First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is a home-based, parent-taught program for all students in Grade 2 and up. There will be an informational meeting at the beginning of the school year to prepare parents for teaching their children with the curriculum provided. There is also a morning retreat in the spring that is required for child and parents. All children preparing for sacraments are asked to attend Mass weekly. Students who are not in Catholic school need to also be registered in grade-specific faith formation.

**Confirmation** - Confirmation preparation is held at the same time as the Middle School classes. The Confirmation class has a Fall and Spring Retreat that they are required to attend. Confirmation is open to students in Grades 9 and up. All students are asked to attend Mass weekly.