

May, 2009

Dear Parent or Guardian,

You and your family are invited to join over 900 other parish families with elementary and middle school children in one of our Religious Education (RE) offerings beginning in September 2009. These offerings are all facilitated by trained volunteers who present lessons and other activities that are designed to aid you in your role as the primary catechist (faith teacher) of your child(ren).

Please take a moment in prayer to consider the following opportunities:

Faith Formation Sessions for Grades K-6

Available to your young person(s), grades K-6. Our traditional Formation Sessions meet weekly at 4:15pm and 6:00pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, as well as at 9:00am and 10:45am on Saturdays. All sessions are held at St. Isidore from middle September to April except for holidays.

Junior High Small Faith Sharing Groups

7th and 8th graders will experience Small Faith Sharing Groups hosted in a home environment. These groups consist of 10-12 young people and two non-related adult facilitators. Faith sharing is constructed around the upcoming weekend's Mass readings. All groups meet twice a month from 7:00-8:30pm. You choose the day of the week (Sunday through Thursday).

Confirmation Small Faith Sharing Groups

9th through 12th graders can choose to enter the Confirmation preparation process at any time. Conducted in a Small Faith Sharing Groups similar to the Junior High Groups, Confirmation groups meet twice a month from 7:00-9:00pm. You choose the day of the week (Sunday through Thursday).

Family Faith Formation

Consider enrolling your entire family in faith formation. Benefits include having the whole family gathered together reflecting on the basic activities of Christian living. This is done at a time that brings you together rather than just another activity to chauffeur the kids to.

Registration and commitment forms for new catechists and volunteers are currently being accepted. Open registration begins on May 20, 2009. Day and group assignments are made based on the date of receipt of registration and space availability. **PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW LACK OF FUNDS TO KEEP YOU FROM REGISTERING YOUR CHILDREN. We will work along with you so your child can continue their Faith Formation.**

I look forward to seeing you and your young disciple(s) in the fall.

Yours in Christ,

Vera Zielinski
Religious Education Coordinator K-6