

# SAINT JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PARISH

## Parish Faith Formation UPDATE

The vision for our Parish-wide Faith Formation gatherings is to create a place for our entire community to encounter and follow Christ. This model of Religious Education is unique in that it seeks to engage the whole family of faith at once (no matter what age you are or life situation) and puts the emphasis on the home and the role of the *domestic church* in our formation as Catholics.

Because these sessions are so foundational to all of the Faith Formation programs at St. John Paul II, it is important that they are done in the most effective way possible. With this in mind, and due to limitations in facilities, **we are rescheduling our first session to Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:45am-1:30pm**. This enables us to connect the sessions more closely to the Liturgy (since it is right after the 10:30 Mass) and offer lunch as part of the experience! *We will also be able to provide Child Care for children 5 and under.*

Our sessions will continue on the second Sunday of each month (see the calendar below), and will be largely based on the liturgical year.

### **How much does the program cost?**

It is FREE!

### **How do I register?**

If you are a registered parishioner at St. John Paul II Parish, then you are automatically registered and should receive information via email about upcoming sessions and events.

### **What will the format be like?**

We will enjoy a meal together, followed by a presentation for all ages. At the end we will hand-out a packet of tools and activities so that you can continue faith formation in the home between the monthly sessions.

### **Will there still be School of Religion for my kids?**

Our Parish Faith Formation sessions will be in place of the traditional model of Religious Education for children. The Church teaches that the *domestic church* (the family) is the primary School of Religion and that parents are the first witnesses of the faith to their children. Our Parish Faith Formation sessions are designed to support and strengthen this witness in the home.

**If I have a child in Catholic School – should we attend these sessions?**

Yes! These sessions are for everyone, no matter what school they are connected with.

**I have a child in Sacrament Preparation – should we attend these sessions?**

Yes! These sessions are the foundation of everything else we do in Faith Formation, including Sacrament Preparation.

**What if I can't come to the sessions?**

We will be recording all of our sessions, so you can watch at home!

**What should I be doing while I wait for the first session in November?**

Visit our website at [www.jp2kc.org/formed](http://www.jp2kc.org/formed) to find recommended materials for each week leading up to our first session. We will also be placing these weekly “assignments” in our Newsletter.

**Parish Faith Formation Sessions 2017-18**

*SUNDAYS, 10:45am-1:30pm at Madison Place Elementary*

**DATES**

November 12<sup>th</sup>

December 10<sup>th</sup>

January 14<sup>th</sup>

February 11<sup>th</sup>

March 11<sup>th</sup>

April 8<sup>th</sup>

May 13<sup>th</sup>

June 10<sup>th</sup>

If you have any further questions, please contact Curtis Keddy at [curtiskeddy@jp2kc.org](mailto:curtiskeddy@jp2kc.org), or visit our website at [www.jp2kc.org/parish-faith-formation](http://www.jp2kc.org/parish-faith-formation) for more info along with a calendar of events