

# 2018-19 St John Parish Faith Formation Registration

*“Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations...*

*teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”*

*Matthew 28:19-20*

## Attention! Exciting Changes ahead!

Over the next few years, you will notice some exciting changes in our parish program as we strive to help families grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Holy Church. Our hope is to cultivate missionary disciples who are ready and willing to go out into the world and bring the Good News of Jesus to all those they encounter. To do so, we are shifting the focus to better reflect the steps of discipleship as given to us by Jesus in Scripture. They are:

“Come and see” (John 1:38) → Encounter Jesus / Learn about Jesus

“Follow me” (Matthew 9:9) → Follow Jesus / What we do and say to show we are followers

“Remain in me” (John 15:4-5) → Worship Jesus / Prayer and Liturgy

“Go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19) → Share Jesus with others

Here are some of the changes you will see this year:

- Revised Household of Faith Agreement which now includes a promise to you for prayers and support from the parish staff, catechists and program volunteers.
- New look to the Mass worksheets which encourage our young people to think about how they will be Jesus to others in the coming week based on what they heard in that week’s Gospel.
- One week a month set aside for you to strengthen your own Domestic Church (your family’s faith life). **Students in grades 1-8 will no longer have class on the last Wednesday of each month.**
  - Each month the parish will provided your family with a packet containing a prayer, activity, and discussion questions.

- While your family is using these Wednesday night opportunities to grow and walk together in faith, our catechists and aides will be going through the Diocesan recommended Alpha training to enhance the gifts that they bring to your child/children's religion classes.

### **How to join us on this journey:**

- Complete the enclosed registration form
- Read through and sign the Household of Faith Agreement (parents and students)
- Return all paperwork no later than **Monday, September 24.**
  - Packets can be mailed to the parish: 915 Ivory Street, Seymour; dropped off at the Parish office (now in the school); put with the Mass worksheets in the back of Church.
  - We must have completed form and signed Household of Faith agreement before your child/children can enter a class. No student will be turned away for the inability to pay.

### **Looking ahead / dates to note:**

Monday, September 24 – **Registration Due**

Wednesday, October 3 – **Class begins for grades 1-8 (6:15-7:15 p.m.)**

Sunday, October 7 – **High School Classes begin (7:00-8:30 p.m.)**

Wednesday, October 31 – **No Class** (Family enrichment will be sent home with the oldest student in grades 1-8 the prior week and available on our parish web page).

Wednesday, November 7 – **Confirmation Mass**, 7:00 p.m. at Assumption B.V.M. in Pulaski. No religion class that night. Middle School and High School Students are encouraged to attend this Mass.

### **Questions, comments, or concerns?**

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