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Dear Parents,

Another school year is just around the corner, and along with it, our Family Faith Formation Program will resume. This year, we're going to try a few different things, which I'm excited about, but also taking a small leap of faith that the Lord will bring to completion what I believe He has begun.

While we're (rearranging) a couple things to assist you, as the primary educators of your children in the faith, I'm also hoping that we bring about a deeper cooperation between St. Patrick's and St. Luke's. Together, both parishes only become stronger! One notable change in the schedule is that we're combining programs, with the first half of the Faith Formation year at St. Luke's and the second half at St. Patrick's. And we will begin the season with the Celebration of the Mass on September 9th and a meeting.

I hope your whole family can come, and you can enjoy a meal together with them and with other members of our parish family. However, if you can't make it before we quit serving, don't hesitate to come. We will have plates prepared for those who can't make it before 6:00 p.m.

Sessions begin on Wednesdays at 5:30pm with a meal followed by classes at 6:10pm. Students will then join their teachers for instructions or service, and classes will end with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction which will end at 7:20 p.m. Parents are more than welcomed to join in this sacred time of prayer. Again, this year, we will be having Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program (CGS). This program will help our little ones learn about the Mass and Sacraments using models which the children can hold and touch.

We are re-organizing our classes into 6 groups, separating into boys and girls older than 4th grade, which has been shown to help in learning and being more fully engaged. Also, we are also incorporating some "service" days instead of just classroom teaching, especially with older children.

Along with this letter, I have included a calendar and a registration form. Please fill out the registration form and return it as soon as possible. Make sure you answer these too because we need to know the number of individuals who will be coming for dinner so that we can prepare enough food. Note that the registration form is also available on our website, and you can fill it out and take a picture of it and email it to the parish office or Deacon Jim.

I look forward to learning and praying with you! If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the parish office, myself, or Deacon Jim.

May God bless you and your family,

Fr. Kristoffer McKusky, Pastor