

Dear St. Henry Parishioner,

I'm so excited for our Faith Formation year to begin!! This will be my first year to coordinate all grade levels. I got my feet wet last year when I coordinated 5th - 10th grade and found I really have a heart for working with teachers and helping parents in their efforts to raise their children and youth in our faith. I received a note this summer from a former St. Henry youth who just graduated from college; she described our Catholic faith as a big, bold, and incredibly beautiful church. I agree with her whole heartedly, I am in love with this faith that is all about the Trinity and lets us meet Jesus in a physical way every day through the Eucharist!!

Parents are the primary teachers of our faith so the catechist's and my mission is to assist them in giving their children and youth knowledge of the Catholic Faith and an awareness of the presence of God in their lives. This will happen by sometimes reinforcing what is taught at home and sometimes by offering new information. Parents will be given the curriculum outline for their child's class so that they are aware of what they are learning. ***Each year will build on the previous year so attendance at each grade level is of utmost importance.***

Attached is the registration form and start dates for the coming year. I would like to encourage you to make a donation towards St. Henry's Faith Formation. In addition to the resources each class uses we are embarking on a new expectation: each child in 3rd through 11th grade Faith Formation will be given their own age appropriate bible that will be taken home and brought back to class each week. I have been able to get a great price on good quality bibles by buying them in bulk and have received some donations to help offset the price.

I have seen a significant trend in the Catholic Church to know the roots of our faith. Our faith is based on Scripture and Tradition, for a long time we have been great at teaching the traditions but, if you are like me, many of us were not brought up to use the bible to help us in our everyday lives or to explain our faith. It was a whole new world for me when I began attending scripture study classes and discovered all the support for my life that the bible has to offer. If you are not familiar with the bible you are not alone. We have an abundance of bibles from the classrooms that we are giving away. Take one and learn along with our children and youth. I am looking forward to a very blessed year. Please know that I am here to support all St. Henry parishioners and families.

In His Joy,
Kelley Tucker
Coordinator of Faith Formation