
320 Seneca Storm Lake, Iowa 50588

Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Mary's School of Faith! We are always striving to improve our faith education program and that's especially true this year. Our FAITH is what the classes are all about. Just like SCHOOL, the classes are ongoing from Kindergarten through 10th grade. 8th and 9th grades are the beginning of the Confirmation program.

REGISTRATION Enclosed is a registration form . Please help the registration process by filling out the form before you come for registration. Please mark your preference for the time of classes you want. We will do our best to honor your preferences but if the class size is too big already, it may not be possible. Registrations will be taken at all the weekend masses starting Sept. 12/13 – however, you may return the forms and fees to the parish house at any time.

FEES Fees (as explained on the registration form) are due at the time of registration. If other arrangements need to be made, please contact Cary at 732-5160 or cary@iw.net.

FIRST NIGHT OF CLASSES October 7 is the first night of classes and we will begin in the gym. Parents are invited to attend and to stay for an informational meeting after the students are blessed and dismissed for class. Please register before that night so we are sure we have books and supplies for your child.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES At your child's baptism you were asked, "In asking to have your child baptized you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the faith... Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?" You replied, "Yes, we do". We are pleased that you have ***asked us*** to help you fulfill ***your responsibility*** of baptism, but we also expect you to do your part. We have discovered that many students do not know their faith very well and that their parents are often not taking them to Mass. So we will be having exciting classes on how to explain and defend our Catholic faith so as help our parents (and ultimately their children) know their Catholic faith. These classes will be during the same time your students are in class (either at 5:30 or 7:00). Attendance of one parent at each class every week is expected.

1st COMMUNION CLASSES FOR OLDER STUDENTS Students must have attended School of Faith for one year (with good attendance!) before preparing for 1st Communion. Those students in grades 3 through 10 who are preparing to make their 1st Communion will be having the special 1st Communion classes from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. so they must attend the 5:30 School of Faith classes also. If your child/children will be starting that class, please attend the special parent meeting on Oct. 7. At that time you may pick up the special registration form.

HELP!! With having two sessions of classes this year we need twice the number of teachers and aides – at least 15 teachers and 15 aides for each session. Enclosed is a sign-up sheet for helpers that we need to make our program run. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY consider helping out with the School of Faith. We cannot provide good strong teaching for your children without your help. Teachers , aides, and those helping every week are not charged the fees for their children.

BAD WEATHER A new service that we are offering this year allows us to send a text (in English and Spanish) to your cell phone announcing that classes are cancelled. See the enclosed card to sign up for this!

Looking forward to an exciting year of spiritual growth with the School of Faith families this coming year,

Cary Brown, Director of Faith Formation
Rev. Jeremy Wind