

# ST. LOUIS FAITH FORMATION ATTENDANCE POLICY

Class participation and completion of class material help develop a child's understanding of Catholicism and are an important component in developing a child's faith in God. We, at St. Louis, understand the significant role that weekly Mass attendance and families play in Catechesis. There is also an equally significant role that is played by our Faith Formation program in preparing our youth for full participation in Church life in the years to come. The following information outlines our attendance policy.

## **SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION ATTENDANCE:**

It is important to keep in mind that adequate time is needed for quality education and formation. As such, children must complete the course work for 18 of the 21 sessions for the 2019-2020 year to progress to the next Faith Formation grade level. Children receiving a sacrament, who do not receive religious education at school, must complete all course work to be eligible to make the sacrament. Children who do not complete the minimum course work will not be allowed to make a sacrament and will need to make up the missed work before being promoted to the next grade level. In addition, children who do not receive religious education at school, are expected to attend religious education classes, either at St. Louis or another Roman Catholic church, between the sacraments of First Penance and Confirmation.

## **COMPLETING MISSED WORK:**

We understand that it may be necessary for your child(ren) to miss some Faith Formation lessons throughout the year. After 3 absences, your child(ren) will need to complete his/her missed lessons at home, with parent support. To receive credit for completing class material at home, a child must complete all course work from that session, with a parent, and submit the written work to me for review. Written work, such as writing answers to questions or completing weekly Pflaum booklets, is necessary to show that your child completed the lesson. If you know your child will be absent prior to the absence, you can ask for the lesson in advance (if it has been prepared) or your child's teacher or I will give your child his/her missed lesson the next class session.

## **SACRAMENT PREPARATION CLASSES:**

Sacrament preparation classes for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be held at the St. Louis Hall on three consecutive Saturdays: March 21<sup>st</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The classes will run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sacrament preparation classes for Confirmation will be held at the St. Louis Hall on two consecutive Saturdays: February 29<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

It is not possible for St. Louis to offer any make-up sessions or extend our homeschooling policy to sacrament preparation classes. If your child is scheduled to receive a sacrament this year, but cannot attend all three preparation classes, parents are welcome to attend classes at another Roman Catholic church and make the sacrament at St. Louis. Parents must submit a letter to me from that church stating that their child attended all sacrament preparation classes.

May God continue to bless you and your family,  
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