

St. Joseph

7536 Church Lane
West Harrison, IN 47060



Faith Formation

St. John the Baptist

25743 State Route 1
Guilford, IN 47022

Dear Parents,

August 11, 2011

I hope and pray this letter finds you well. Thank you for the opportunity to assist you in your role as primary catechists of your children. **Please fill out the Faith Formation class registration form and return it by September 4th.** You may drop it off at either parish office or in an offertory basket at Mass in an envelope marked "Attn Patsy" or drop it in the mail. The registration form and Parent letter are also on **St John's website - <http://www.stjohndover.org/>, under the Religious Ed tab.**

What time is class and where?

Level I Atrium	Wednesday	6:15 – 7:45	St. John's
	Thursday	4:00 – 5:30	St. Joseph
	Sunday	9:30 – 11:00	St. Joseph

Level II Atrium	Wednesday	6:00 – 7:30	St Joseph
	Thursday	4:00 – 5:30	St. Joseph
	Sunday	9:30 – 11:00	St. Joseph

Grades 4 – 8	Wednesday	6:15 – 7:45	St. John's
	Sunday	9:30 – 11:00	St. Joseph

H.S. 9 – 10	Sunday	9:30 – 11:00	St. Joseph
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H.S. 11 – 12 will have opportunities to be a part of Youth Ministry

The Atrium is used for the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* program.

- Level 1: children 3 ½ years old through kindergarten.
- Level II: children grades 1 - 3. Level II Atrium is only at St. Joseph (Grade 2 is Sacramental Prep)

Each Atrium session will be capped at 15 children.

This will be a first come first serve basis with people from the parishes being served first.

Children in Grades 4 – 8 may attend St Joseph on Sunday morning or St. John on Wednesday evening. You may choose either session at the time of registration, regardless of the parish you are registered at.

9 & 10th grade students from both parishes will have class two times a month on Sunday mornings. This will allow students from St John to attend Mass at St John's the other Sunday mornings. This also will give time for opportunities to be a part to Youth Ministry. 11 & 12 will not have a scheduled class time but also will have the opportunity to get involved in Youth Ministry.

What books do I need?

We will be using a new series this coming year. RCL Benziger series, "Blest R We", grades 4 – 8, with the 9-10 using Theology of the Body for teens. All students' ages pre-school through High School will be taught the new Roman Missal 3.

Each student will receive a new Student Workbook for their appropriate level on the 1st day of class in their respective classroom. **This book is to be brought to class each week as well.** We do not order many extra student workbooks due to the additional cost, so please get your registration forms in on time. They also will have a folder with plastic sleeve to collect prayer cards throughout the year.

Families with a child in Sacramental Prep for First Communion and First Reconciliation we will have more information coming soon.

How can I help?

We need a variety of gifts! **Pray and listen to the Holy Spirit** – you never know how He may be calling you. We still need catechists and aides at both parishes. High School students, we would love to have your help on the Sunday mornings you don't have class or on Wednesday evenings. It's a great way to add to your service hours. We also need people to help with service projects that we would like to do throughout the year. It need not be a weekly commitment . . . once a month, helping with a particular activity . . . just let me know!

When are we starting?

Catechists have two weeks of in-service, with classes for students beginning: **St. Joseph - September 18**
St. John's - September 21, 2011

Anyone working with our children must have the VIRTUS training. If you have not attended in previous years, there is a training session at St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg on Monday, September 12 from 6-8:30. Registration is necessary at Lawrenceburg since space is limited. Call me to get registered (812)-576-4302 or (812)487-2560. October 13th is also a date at Shelbyville's; St. Joseph. To view other training dates go to www.virtus.org, click on 'Help', click on 'View a list of upcoming classes', select Indianapolis.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions throughout the year, please don't hesitate to call (576-4302), email (cre@etczone.com), or catch me after Mass.

Sincerely in Christ,

Patsy Oehlman
Coordinator of Religious Education



*"Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong.
Your every act should be done with love."
1 Corinthians 16:13-14*