St. Anthony Shrine, Emmitsburg

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Thurmont

St. Joseph, Emmitsburg

August 7, 2023

Hello Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe but it is time to start another year of Children’s Faith Formation. We are excited about the upcoming year.

We will be meeting again at **St. Joseph’s parish hall** on DePaul St. in Emmitsburg. Children’s Faith Formation for K-8 will begin on **Sunday** September 10. We would like the parents (at least one) to stay for a meeting on the first day before we divide into our groups.

Our weekly sessions will be Sundays from **9:00am- 10:10am**.

We will continue to use the *Christ Our Life* series from Loyola Press for K-8. To be in compliance with the Archdiocese of Baltimore’s Office of Child Protection we will also present to each grade the *Growing with God: Safe and Sacred* seriesfrom Loyola Press. It is **required** by the Archdiocese that we offer a series on Child Protection in all our parishes and Catholic schools. This is part of an ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and protect all children from sexual abuse, in the context of Catholic moral teaching about family life and healthy sexuality. You can learn more about the program by going to [www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/child-safety-and-catholic-family-living/growing-with-god/parents-and-students/](http://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/child-safety-and-catholic-family-living/growing-with-god/parents-and-students/).

There is a place on the registration form for you to give permission (or not) for your child to participate in *Growing with God.*

**Tuition: $75.00** for Faith Formation per Family

**$50.00** for Confirmation Students

**$10.00** for First Reconciliation/Communion

**First Reconciliation and First Eucharist:** we will use the Loyola Press God’s Gift: Reconciliation and God’s Gift: Eucharist for sacramental prep. We do not have dates for the sacramental prep meetings or for the sacraments, yet. Once we have confirmed the dates we will get them to you.

**Confirmation** sessionswill meet on **Tuesdays from 6:30pm – 8:00pm** starting on September 12. We will meet at St. Joseph’s Parish Hall It is important that your child attend all sessions. Parents, please plan to stay for about half an hour at our first session.

If you have any questions or concerns about any program we are using, please contact us:

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Peace,

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