



## Our Lady of the Lakes Faith Formation Office

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Let me take this opportunity, along with our Pastor Fr. Scott Thibodeau, to thank you for registering your family in the Our Lady of the Lakes' Faith Formation process. We look forward to celebrating the richness of our Catholic traditions with your families. To those families who are returning to the program we are blessed you are back. To the new families who are joining us, we would like to extend a warm welcome and to let you know we are here to assist you on your journey.

As you begin to plan your schedules for the upcoming school year, I would like to provide you with the information you will need to ensure that Religious Education is a balanced part of it. Below you will find all of the information that you will need to complete the enrollment process for your child/children. If you have any questions after reading through the materials, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Faith Formation begins in first grade and runs consecutive years through eighth grade. Sacramental preparation is a two year process; please register your first grader if you wish for him\her to celebrate First Eucharist in second grade. We offer a traditional Monday night process which meets weekly on Mondays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. and a Sunday Family process. Our Sunday Family process meets once a month; your family will celebrate Mass together at our 12:30 Liturgy, all will enjoy a meal, the children will go to their grade level class and a parent will stay gathered for our adult enrichment. We will end each monthly gathering with prayer and departure by 3:30. Weekly chapters are completed and submitted for the weeks we are not gathered. You can also register your preschooler for our Sunday School process which is offered during our 9:30 liturgy on Sundays.

It is very important that you register early so that we can be fully prepared with the proper number of catechists, aides, hall monitors, books and supplies to offer your family with the best possible faith journey. PLEASE NOTE: there is a \$50 tuition increase to returning families that do not register before August 16th. Thank you for your consideration in this matter by registering as soon as possible. For children who are coming into the Church as well as those who are in formation for Sacraments that they did not make in the typical timeframe, the preparation is also a two-year process.

*Our program is in great need of catechists for all grades. This ministry provides a terrific opportunity for personal growth in your faith and a chance to teach children to know, love, and serve God and spread His truth. Any Catholic who has been Confirmed and enjoys kids is qualified. Help, guidance and training is provided to equip our new catechists with the necessary tools to journey the kids. Hall monitors, class assistants, substitutes, and an office volunteer during sessions are also needed. Please PRAYERFULLY consider joining us in this ministry.*

All forms needed for registration can be found on the church's website, [ollwaterford.org](http://ollwaterford.org). Select Faith Formation in the menu bar and then Faith Formation Forms. You will need to complete one registration form for your family and a health form for each child that you are enrolling. **Class size is limited and spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis.** You may either return them by mail to the address listed on the top of the registration form or bring it to the Parish Center. **Be sure to include your email address on the form. Email will be our primary vehicle of communication with you throughout the year.** The communications from our office will come from the email address [religiousformation@ollonline.org](mailto:religiousformation@ollonline.org). A tentative schedule of class dates is also posted at the above website and will be updated throughout the year.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. You will be receiving an email from us confirming your child's class information a couple of days before classes begin. Weekly classes will begin on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday school classes will start on October 6<sup>th</sup> and the Sunday Family Gatherings begin September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Peace and prayers,

Jean Hartman, DRE and Staff