



Harvest of Hope Catholic Community

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St. Anthony Church
Faith Formation Parent/Student Handbook
2021-2022

Parish Website: www.hohcatholic.org

Parish App: text App to 88202

St. Anthony Facebook page

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 Faith Formation Year! Thank you for entrusting your children to us to complement your families faith formation. The church teaches that parents are the primary educators of their children. We are here to support you in this mission. With the help of the Holy Spirit, catechists will pass on our Catholic faith to your children. Our team of catechists are well-equipped and eager to meet your children to start the Faith Formation year.

The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. God ordained the family as the place where life in Christ takes root in the human heart. Active participation in the sacramental life of the Church nurtures the spiritual life. Please ensure your child has opportunities for frequent participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and attends Sunday Mass.

This handbook was written to help make our mission and policies clear for students of St. Anthony Faith Formation. Please take time to familiarize yourself with it and contact us if you have any questions.

Faith Formation Team: Jim Rehkamp, Jean Beutz, Toni Hudock, Joan Stich, Lisa Jensen, Darlene Adrian

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Faith Formation Registration

All families are expected to register for Faith Formation classes before the first class. On-line registration is available on the Harvest of Hope Catholic Community website:

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Registration Fee

The fee for each child is \$25 per year. Please pay the fee when registering your child on-line. There is no additional charge for students receiving a sacrament, except for confirmation. Confirmation registration and class information is handled through Seven Dolors Church. Contact Toni Hudock at toni-hudock@hohcatholic.org for information if you have a confirmation candidate.

Transportation Permission Slip

The permission slip for your child in grades 1-6 to ride the bus from Albany Elementary School to St. Anthony Church is available on the parish website. Please print it off, sign and either return it electronically or place in the box in back of church or on the porch of the parish house. This needs to be done before the first class.

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Arrival and Dismissal

If you are bringing your child in grades 1-6 to Faith Formation class please have them at the church by 3:20pm in order for class to start on time. Classes will be dismissed by 4:30pm so please be prompt in picking up your child. Students in grades 7-10 will meet at 7:00pm in the church basement and classes will be dismissed by 8:00pm.

Communication

The primary means of communication between Faith Formation catechists and your family will be email. Other means of communication will be my parish app, the parish website and KASM radio station. Parents are encouraged to subscribe to the parish app.

Attendance

Regular attendance is necessary for your child to learn and grow in their faith, however do not send your child to class if they are not feeling well or have exhibited symptoms in the last 48-hours. If your child will be absent, please notify your child's teacher. Parents will be provided with the teacher's name and contact information at the beginning of the year.

Emergency Class Cancellation

Classes may be cancelled when weather alerts are issued.
Cancellations of class will happen when school is closed early .
Listen to KASM radio station, check my parish app, St.
Anthony Facebook page, or the parish website.

Calendar

The latest and most up-to-date calendar will be available on the
parish website at hohcatholic.org
If any class dates are changed it will be noted on the website.
This will supersede any calendar that was given out at the
beginning of the year. Classes are normally scheduled for every
other week on Wednesday.

Electronics Policy

Cell phones and smart phones have become a necessary tool in
maintaining communication between parents and their children.
In order to prevent devices such as these to become a
distraction while in class, students who bring cell phones must
keep these devices turned off and in their backpacks. Any
misuse of an electronic device during class will result in the
student leaving the device with the teacher until class is
finished. Any other electronic device such as video games, ipads

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etc. should not be brought to class as we are not responsible for damage or loss to the device.

Safe Environment

The Diocese of St. Cloud has established a Safe Environment program. In order to provide a comprehensive program, we must offer programming for our children and teachers. The first class of the year will be reserved for the Safe Environment training. It is important for your child to be in attendance at this class. If you do not want your child to attend this session, please contact your child's teacher or one of the members of our Faith Formation Team.

Code of Conduct

Students are entitled to learn in a setting of respect of self, others, our community and church property. This is accomplished when behaviors and expectations are clearly defined. Therefore, bullying in any form, verbal and physical will not be tolerated at any time. Students must remain in their seats during class unless they request permission to do otherwise. No talking without the teachers permission. No snacks are to be eaten during class. Students will show respect for each other and the teacher at all times. Consequences are as follows: first offense, a verbal warning to the student, second offense, parent will be called, third offense, parent will be asked to attend class

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with their student, fourth offense, student will be asked to leave our program. Rules and consequences set forth will be enforced. Our teachers can only teach effectively if there is discipline in the classroom with the understanding of the rules and enforcement of such rules. Please review this with your child.

Volunteer Opportunities

Parents are welcome to assist in a Faith Formation class if they desire. Catechists can use extra help in any form but please contact them before class so they know you are available. If there are special events happening with a class it would be helpful to have some assistance. When there is a Penance Service or Stations of the Cross parents are encouraged to attend with their child. Parents can contact a member of our Faith Formation Team if they have ideas for their child's class that they would like to see implemented.