



St. Charles Borromeo Office of Faith Formation

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Dear Families,

We have received a lot of emails with questions about St. Charles' new Summer PREP program. I hope this letter helps answer them.

- What are the four Sunday Family Faith Formation meetings?
 - We have scheduled seven Sundays throughout the school year but families are only required to go to four. Families attend the 10 AM Mass and afterwards we meet in the school cafeteria. The meetings either have an activity or a speaker. Last December, each family made a Jesse Tree and this month we made Blessing bags for a senior center. Already next Fall, we have scheduled a speaker from the Pontifical Mission Association. The meetings last a little over an hour. One parent and any child registered in PREP must attend but the entire family is welcome to come.
- What are the Faith-filled activities?
 - Students are required to have a certain amount of hours of religious education each year. In order to be certain that the children will fulfill the requirement, we have added the Sunday Faith Formation meetings and the Faith-filled activities. Each family will receive a list of proposed activities. The list may include watching a video about a saint on Formed.org, attending a prayer service or the Stations of the Cross during Lent. There is a form to fill out in which you write the date, who attended the event and a short description of what occurred. But it is not limited to writing a description of the event. This year several families sent photos of the students attending a Posada before Christmas and the Baptism of a cousin. As long as the activity has something to do with a Catholic event, it is usually acceptable.
- How do I register?
 - Registration is online through the St. Charles website. If you start at the homepage, click on "Education" then "PREP." Scroll down a little and you will see the button for Summer PREP. This will take you to the online giving site. Scroll down this page until you see the Summer PREP icon. After it takes you to the registration, begin filling out the form. If you prefer to register in person, please call the google voice number and we will make arrangements to meet.
 - <https://www.stcharlesbensalem.org/>
- When does registration end?
 - Registration must be in by April 30th.

Please feel free to reach out if you have more questions.

God bless!

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