



Christian Formation Registration Letter

St. Matthias Mission Statement

St. Matthias Catholic Parish is committed to continuing the ministry of Jesus Christ. We invite and welcome all. Come...live, grow, and be challenged by the message through prayer, formation, and service.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you and your family doing well during this time. The registration for the upcoming 2021-2022 St. Matthias Christian Formation year and the calendars for the grade school program and the high school program are in this letter.

What Christian Formation Will Look Like This Year

As we move forward with Christian Formation for the upcoming year, please be reassured that the safety and wellbeing of your children and our catechists will be our main concern. St. Matthias is and will be continually committing to adhering to the protocols and safety guidelines of the city of Milwaukee.

With that being said, St. Matthias will strive to fit the needs of every family. So even though the restrictions have lessened due various factors, we understand that some families will prefer to currently withhold from an in-person learning model. So, we have prepared two options for the formation year for families:

One option is an in-person learning environment. In this model students will be placed in grade-level groups inside classrooms utilizing the parish school buildings with a catechist. Students will receive a book that will be used for the entirety of the year. Students and catechists participating in this model will be expected to follow all protocols and guidelines laid out in our Christian Formation handbook.

The other option is an at-home instructional environment. If you choose this model for your family, the Director and Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation will reach out to you to talk about your specific needs.

Please see the next page to learn how to register.

How to Register:

You may register in one of two ways. The first is by filling out the form included with this letter and returning it to the Parish Office. You may drop off your registration during office hours (Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm) or after hours by putting it in the mail slot. You can also mail your registration to:

St. Matthias Parish
Attn: Formation Office
9306 W Beloit Rd
Milwaukee, WI 53227

The second option for registration is online at the parish website (<http://www.stmatthias-milw.org>). Look under the Faith Formation tab and click on “Online Registration.” For the online registration, provide the requested information and submit the completed form when you finish. You will receive a confirmation email when your registration is received, whether you register online or through the paper registration.

Registrations are due by Friday, September 10th, 2021.

****Please include all requested information, especially email addresses. We use these to send reminders and updates about the program.****

Additional Information:

Information about the Christian Formation Program can be found by visiting our website (www.stmatthias-milw.org) and clicking on the Faith Formation Tab. Information is updated regularly throughout the program. You will be able to see calendars with dates for the program, curriculum information, service opportunities, the parent handbook, and more.

Payment Information:

Check – all checks should be made out to St. Matthias. Please send them to the Parish Office using the address on the first page of this letter.

Credit Card – go online to our website: <https://stmatthias-milw.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/ChristianFormationPayment>

Payment Plans – you may choose to do a payment plan for either two or four equal payments. To do a payment plan by credit card, visit the above link. Payment plan months are September, November, January, and March.

****Fee information is included on the registration and at the payment link above.****

Please note: NO family is turned away because of their financial situation. If you would like to request financial assistance for Christian Formation fees, please contact the Faith Formation Office to receive the application for the St. Matthias Endowment Fund.

(please see next page for information on orientation)

Orientation for Christian Formation:
Sunday Morning Program – K4 – 8th Grade & 9-11th grades
Sunday, September 19th, 2021 – 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Open House

Orientation will be an open house meeting for parents/guardians, students, and catechists. During this timeframe parents/guardians and students are able to come and go at any time but are welcome to stay as long they like to receive the handbook, meet the catechists, and ask any questions they may have for the Director and Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation.

Questions/Concerns?

If you have any questions regarding the Christian Formation Program, please do not hesitate to contact one of us by phone or email. We look forward to seeing you in the fall!

God Bless,

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