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FORMATION OFFICE

Dear Parishioner,

Welcome to the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) at St. Joseph Parish!

Whether you are new to our parish or a returning family to PREP we are glad to work with you to assist you in the task of teaching our children their catholic faith. The parents who teach and assist in the classroom are volunteers who, like you, are dedicated to teachings of our Catholic faith. Please know that your presence is not only welcomed in the classroom but also needed. Our faith is passed on to the children of our parish in how we live what we believe. In a world that does not allow “God” to be discussed in the public school classroom, it is crucial to our children that they hear and see us live “God”.

We use the spiral learning method for grades 1 to 6, with the Legacy Faith First curriculum. This starts with a base and builds upon that knowledge from year to year. Our 7th & 8th grade curriculum, The Discovering Series by St Mary’s Press allows the children to “discover” and explore what this faith means to them as they are questioning and processing the developmental changes in their life.

Registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning February 4, 2008 and ending September 15, 2008. After September 15 (or once classes are filled) we will not be accepting additional registrations.

If your child(ren) did not attend religious education last year, either here, at a Catholic School, or in another parish’s program of religious education, you will need to contact the Formation Office (302-378-5800, Ext. 108) to make special arrangements. Any grades missed will need to be completed BEFORE registering for PREP.

Because formation in the faith is so important to us, our parish naturally expends many resources to nurture the faith of our children, including time, and treasure. In addition to the fees charged, almost \$3,000 of our weekly offertory collection goes to subsidize our Formation Programs. For this reason, we count on the financial support of all our PREP families each week when you come to Mass. (Weekly Mass attendance is required and presumed for all our students). If you are not receiving envelopes, which help you and us track your donations, please notify the Parish Office immediately.

Please read over the session selections carefully. Attendance at each scheduled time is required. Each session contains only 30 hours of religious instruction. This is a minimum that the Diocese of Wilmington requires for a yearly religious education program.

The Christian Formation Office

**Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)
2008-2009 Registration Packet**

Registrations for Parish Religious Education Program and Sacramental Preparation Programs begin on February 4, 2008 and continue until sessions are full or classes begin. Class sizes are limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis after all volunteers' children are placed in sessions. We had approximately 700 children in our program last year and expect to welcome at least that many this year. See session selections below.

Summer Sessions - Grades 1 thru 8

All classes will be held at St Joseph Parish Complex

Session One: June 10th – June 19th

Tuesday, June 10th thru Thursday June 19th

Session Two: June 24th – July 3rd

Tuesday, June 24th thru Thursday, July 3rd

Session Three: July 8th – 17th

Tuesday, July 8th thru Thursday, July 17th

Session Four: July 29th – Aug. 7th:

Tuesday, July 29th thru Thursday August 7th

Summer Session students will attend class for 8 days, beginning on **Tuesday and ending on Thursday of the second week** plus **two additional times** during the year to celebrate Advent and Lent / Easter. Classes begin at 8:30 AM and end at 12 noon.

Fall Sessions – September 2008 through May 2009

All classes will be held at St Joseph Parish Complex

Sunday Session A 8:45 AM – 11:15 AM for grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Sunday Session B 8:45 AM – 11:15 AM for grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 & 8

Fall Sunday Session classes will normally meet **twice a month** excluding December.
See attached calendar for dates of these sessions.

Monday Session 5:45 PM – 7:00 PM for grades 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 & 8

Fall Monday Session students normally meet each week with scheduled breaks.
See attached calendar for dates of these sessions.

PREP Family Information (Grades 1-12)

Father's Full Name	Mother's Full Name (Maiden)
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Child's primary residence	Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Child's alternative residence	Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Father's Phone Numbers: Home/Cell/Work

Mother's Phone Numbers: Home/Cell/Work

E-mail Address (es) to receive program updates

Volunteer Opportunities

Every parent is strongly encouraged to volunteer in some capacity. Your help is needed! Training is provided. No experience is necessary! Help us build up the Body of Christ in the following areas: Catechist, Assistant, Vacation Bible School, Set Up/Supply Coordinator and clean up.

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Name	Phone	Area of Interest

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST (please check all that apply):

- _____ My child(ren) attended St. Joseph PREP in 2007-08. You have our records.
- _____ My child(ren) did not attend religious education at St Joseph last year. I am attaching a letter from our previous parish or Catholic School indicating the grades(s) and year(s) they attended and sacraments received.
- _____ He/she was baptized at St. Joseph or St. Rose.
- _____ He/she was not baptized at St. Joseph or St. Rose. I am enclosing a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.(for new students only)
- _____ I have enclosed the appropriate check for the Registration Fees.
- _____ I have filled out the required information to pay by credit card.
- _____ Due to financial difficulties, I need to speak to someone about a scholarship.

- _____ My child(ren) will be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation. Please send me the appropriate Registration Form.

PREP Student Information and Program Selection (Grades 1-12)

N.B. Our Prep year starts in June for the 2008-2009 school year.
Therefore, please use this form to register your child for the grade
they will be entering in 2008-2009.

1. Student Name: _____
Date of Birth _____ registering for PREP grade 08-09 _____
First Session Choice: _____
Second Choice: _____
Please indicate any special learning issues, allergies or medical
conditions _____

2. Student Name: _____
Date of Birth _____ registering for PREP grade 08-09 _____
First Session Choice: _____
Second Choice: _____
Please indicate any special learning issues, allergies or medical
conditions _____

3. Student Name: _____
Date of Birth _____ registering for PREP grade 08-09 _____
First Session Choice: _____
Second Choice: _____
Please indicate any special learning issues, allergies or medical
conditions _____

4. Student Name: _____
Date of Birth _____ registering for PREP grade 08-09 _____
First Session Choice: _____
Second Choice: _____
Please indicate any special learning issues, allergies or medical
conditions _____

Please allow three weeks for registration processing. Confirmation letters will be mailed confirming
your program selections. Call 302-378-5800 ext.108 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Religious Education (PREP) Fee Schedule – Grades 1-12

Forms submitted before 9/15/2008

One child \$135
Two children \$160
Three or more children \$180

Forms submitted after 9/15/2008

One child \$235
Two children \$260
Three or more children \$280

Fee Calculation

Number of Child(ren)/ Enrolled: _____

Religious Education (PREP) Amount Due: _____

Snack fee (\$10.00 per child) _____

TOTAL PAYMENT _____

Payment Options (Please check one)

_____ Cash

_____ Check

_____ Visa

_____ MasterCard

Name as it appears on card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

_____ I am enclosing 25% deposit and a blank, voided check. I authorize St Joseph Church to deduct 1/3 of the 75% balance from my checking account as an ACH deduction on the first Monday of each month for the next three months.

Signature

If your family is experiencing extraordinary financial difficulty, please contact our office (302-378-5800 ext 108) to discuss scholarship opportunities. **No child will be denied enrollment because of inability to pay.** All information will be kept confidential.