



August, 2011

Dear Family,  
God bless you and God bless our parish!  
We invite you to be a part of 2011-12 St Dominic Church Faith Formation.

Our program promotes a close relationship with God through the gifts of His presence in scripture, sacraments, and people; and offers a Catholic information blueprint for our youth to use as they build their faith through adulthood. Instruction and events for young people are based on Holy Scripture and Catholic Doctrine handed down by the Holy See and the Catholic Magisterium.

Through instruction and activities, we seek to support and encourage students, to help them see themselves through the eyes of a loving God, in a comfortable, friendly, and safe environment. This mission is accomplished through the work of parish staff members, the service of many dedicated volunteers and the commitment of faithful parents and students. THANK YOU !

Religious curriculum for Preschool through Grade 10 are  
Preschool ..... Old and New Testament Bible Stories  
Kindergarten ..... Old and New Testament Bible Stories  
First Grade ..... Prayer: Our Conversations with God  
Second Grade.....Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist  
Third Grade.....Life in the Church: Liturgical Seasons and The Saints  
Fourth Grade.....The Bible: Listening to God  
Fifth Grade.....The Mass and Those Who Serve in the Mass (Servers, Lectors, Greeters, Priest)  
Middle School.....Faith Class and Faith Lab with Fr Denny and Mike & Jen Wallin  
Confirmation.....Study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church for Grades 9 & 10

Enclosed in this packet are the following materials:  
Registration letter from Mara with weekly Wednesday schedule  
and list of important dates on back -->  
Info page for Middle School from Fr Denny  
Family Registration form for Preschool through Grade 10 students  
2011-12 Calendar

Thank you for your prayers and support.  
We look forward to sharing the faith journey with you!  
God bless you,

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The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! Numbers 6:24-26

**St Dominic Faith Formation Weekly Wednesday Schedule for Preschool – Grade 8**

- 5:30pm-6:20pm Dinner served each week at the Church O’Gara Social Hall  
All are welcome to attend at any time.  
You do not need to be a part of the Faith Formation program to enjoy dinner.
- 6:00pm – 6:30pm Dinner Clean Up Crew  
Dinner Clean Up Crew for Wednesday nights is assigned alphabetically and by date.  
Each week families with the last name that begins with a certain letter of the alphabet come together for 30 minutes to clean up the church social hall after Dinner. Clean Up Crew is assigned as follows:

Sept. 21 — A	Sept. 28 — B	Oct. 5 — C	Oct. 12 — D	Oct. 26 — E	Nov. 9 — F
Nov. 16 — G	Nov. 30 — H	Dec. 14 — I	Jan. 11 — J	Jan. 18 — K	Jan. 25 — L
Feb. 1 — M	Feb. 8 — N	Feb. 15 — O	Mar. 7 — P	Mar. 14 — Q, R	Mar. 28 — S
Apr. 4 — T	Apr. 11 — U	Apr. 18 — V	Apr. 25 — W	May 2 — X, Y, Z	May 9 — All letters
May 16 — All letters					

Music Time for All Faith Formation Students (and adults)

Lorilee Malecha, St Dominic Choir Director extends an invitation to all youth and adults to join in after they eat for a music jam session – bring your voice or your instrument to enjoy some fun music during this time.

- 6:20pm Departure for Faith Instruction, parents drive students to location  
Preschool – Grade 5 Faith Instruction at St Dominic School  
Middle School Grades 6-7-8 Church, Lower level
- 7:30pm Parent pick up.  
Parents meet Preschool through Grade 5 students in their classroom at St Dominic School. After parents pick up their child in the classroom, please walk with students into parking lot to your car. Children are not allowed alone in the parking lot.  
Parents pick up Middle School youth at St Dominic Church, lower level parking lot. Youth are not allowed alone in the parking lot. Youth may wait along sidewalk by church, or at patio area.

**Important Upcoming Dates for Faith Formation Families**

**Wednesday, Sept 7, 6:30pm-7:30pm**

**Turn in payment and completed registration forms by Sept 7<sup>th</sup>**

**The Parish Office, 216 Spring St North, will be open from 6:30pm-7:30pm for drop off**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2011 6:30pm-7:30pm**

**Preschool – Grade 8 Faith Formation Orientation Night for Parents and Students**

**Please arrive at 6:30pm**

**All Grades at St Dominic School for this event**

**Preschool – Grade 8 First Day of Classes Wednesday, Sept 21, 2011**

**Wednesday Dinner 5:30pm-6:20pm at St Dominic Church**

**Faith Instruction 6:30pm-7:30pm; Pre – 5 at School, Grades 6-7-8 at Church**

**Grade 9 Confirmation Groups are now forming – please contact Mara for details**

**Grade 10 – Student & Parent Registration and Information Meeting**

**Sunday Sept 25, 2011; 9:15-10:15am at Church, Lower Level**

**High School Youth Activities are held the second Sunday of the month**

**Check the bulletin for further details**