



August, 2018

Dear Family,

We – staff and volunteers – look forward to celebrating the gift of our Catholic Faith with your family!

**Faith Formation kick off: Orientation for Elementary and Middle School meet at St Dominic School
Parents and Students on Wednesday, September 19 6:00PM – 7:00PM**

Elementary and Middle School families join together in the school gym for Praise and Worship: 6:00pm – 6:15pm
We'll sing! We'll pray! We'll give God the Glory!

Then we'll get down to sharing the good news of Faith Instruction: Experience a lesson in your student's classroom

6:20pm-6:40pm Middle School students and parents meet in gym

6:20pm-6:40pm Elementary students and parents meet in grade level classrooms

(Parents, you are free to move about the building in order to attend multiple class experiences with your children)

6:45pm-7:00pm All – parents, students, teachers – gather in the gym for presentation and closing prayer.

Faith Formation Wednesday Night Weekly Schedule

Elementary: Preschool – Grade 5 meet at St Dominic School 6pm-7pm

Praise God Together, Learn & develop friendship with God & Neighbor, Offer Prayer

6pm Parents and Students meet in gym for Praise & Worship

6:10pm Students led to class

6:15pm Fellowship time in the classroom

6:25pm Faith Instruction

6:55pm Closing Prayer

7:00pm Parent pick-up

Middle School: Grades 6-7-8 meet at St Dominic Church 6pm-7pm

Welcome each person, Honor God's presence within, Follow Jesus

6:00pm Check-in, Share, & Prayer within table group

6:15pm Interactive Presentation & Discussion

6:45pm Activity

6:55pm Prayer

7:00pm Parent pick-up

Preschool – Grade 8 Faith Formation Registration form is enclosed: cost is \$60 per student; family cap is \$130

Confirmation: Two year program to deepen faith in God, form solid friendships, prepare to receive the Sacrament.

Students in Grade 9 & older participate, meet in small groups, use Matthew Kelly Decision Point curriculum.

Pray, Study, and Participate in Parish & Community Service with your peers and Adult Confirmation Teachers

Registration form for Year 1 / Year 2 is enclosed. Cost is \$75 per year

Year 1 Groups are forming now. Please contact Mara Mangan to sign up 507-649-2353 / maramangan@churchofstdominic.org

Year 2 If your family did not pay the \$150 fee for 2 years, please re-register with enclosed form and payment

Calendar for Confirmation Year 1 & 2 will be distributed at the Confirmation Orientation meeting on Wednesday, August 29, 2018

Important Date: Wednesday August 29, 6:30pm-8pm Orientation for Year 1 & Year 2 Confirmation Students & Parents

Celebrating Our Catholic Faith

PreschoolOld and New Testament Bible Stories

Kindergarten.....Old and New Testament Bible Stories

First GradePrayer: Our Conversations with God

Second GradeMatthew Kelly BLESSED program for Reconciliation & Holy Communion

Third GradeWe are Disciples of Jesus

Fourth Grade..... Experience The Bible: Personally Meet God

Fifth Grade Experience the People and God's presence in The Mass and the Sacraments

Middle School Fr Denny Dempsey, Table Leaders, & Students Celebrate Faith

ConfirmationMatthew Kelly Dynamic Catholic: Decision Point

Children's Liturgy During Sunday 10:30am Mass, Gospel activity time for children age 5yrs to 7yrs

Children's Nursery During Sunday 10:30am Mass, Gospel activity time for children age 18mos to 5yrs

Adult Formation Ongoing Adult Faith Study opportunities offered throughout the year, check web/bulletin

Volunteers needed for Parish & Community Service Opportunities

St Dominic Parish Service Opportunities:

St Dominic Church Wednesday Night Dinner: Serve Dinner 5:15pm-5:45pm October 3, 2018 – March 20, 2019

Weekly Volunteers are needed to assist in the following ways:

Shop for food, Prepare the food, Cook the food, Serve the food, and Clean Up Social Hall and Kitchen

Sign up for any job, any amount of time. Volunteers receive training and support.

Faith Formation Volunteer meeting on Monday, Sept 10, O'Gara Social Hall, 7:15-8:15pm or contact Mara 507-649-2353 cell

St Dominic Faith Formation Apple Pie Make, Bake, & Sell: 7am – 7pm Sat Nov 17 & 9am-1pm Sun Nov 18

Making & Baking: at St Dominic School 7am-4pm Sat 11/17; Bake & Sell: at St Dominic Church Sat eve / Sun morning

Select a time slot of 1hr 30 minutes, bring family & friends of all ages to make apple pies or apple crisps on Saturday, sell during the weekend Masses on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Proceeds will go to support St Dominic Mission Trip and Faith Formation program.

Elementary Community Service – during Wednesday Faith Formation 6:00pm-7:00pm

Community Service dates: January 30, 2019 ~ February 27, 2019 ~ March 20, 2019

Help design, plan and coordinate elementary community service activity with a team of people for a one hour evening event.

For example, for Jan 30th, elementary students create Valentine's cards for Senior citizens at 3 Links and Hospital Care Center.

Select one of the dates or multiple dates listed above. Activity is during regular Faith Formation hours, 6:00pm-7:00pm

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Children's Liturgy and Children's Nursery – Gospel activity time during 10:30am Mass offered October – May

Assist as teacher or education aid with simple activity and sharing the Gospel with young children.

Children's Liturgy meets with age 5 yrs to 7 yrs old children in the Church chapel during 10:30am Mass (approximately 20 minutes)

Children's Nursery meets with age 18mos to 5 yrs old children in the lower level Nursery during 10:30am Mass (20 minutes)

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Northfield Community Service Opportunities:

N.A.P.S. Nutritional Assistance Program for Seniors: Deliver food boxes to senior citizens first Wednesday of the Month

Be a part of a team of St Dominic Church families who deliver 30lb boxes filled with boxed & canned food, the first Wednesday of the month. We deliver these boxes to Senior Citizens living in apartments at Northfield Retirement Center, Three Links Apartments, Three Links Park Ridge, and Wellstone Commons.

Families take turns throughout the year delivering 5-11 boxes per location, usually late afternoon or early evening. The average amount of time spent to pick up and deliver boxes is 45 minutes.

Crop Hunger Walk – Sunday October 28 2pm – 4pm

Individuals and Families from Northfield Area Churches come together to raise money to combat world hunger and poverty.

Funding for CRS, Catholic Relief Services, is raised by individuals and families who request donations from friends and neighbors to support them in the 1 mile walk on Sunday, October 28.

Kick off Day for Crop Hunger Walk Fundraising, and details regarding the actual day of the walk are currently being planned.

Information will be sent out via email, parish bulletin, and through weekend Mass announcements.

Let us pray.....

Good and Gracious God, may we be open to your abundant divine mercies!

Thank You for accomplishing your divine and merciful work through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, our patron, St Dominic, and the work of parish staff members, the service of many dedicated volunteers and the wonderful commitment of faithful parents and students. God bless St Dominic Parish! Amen.

Thank 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