



Dear Family,

How would you describe a “God moment?” Some people call it a “God wink,” others, “a silent miracle,” or “an angel visit.” It is one of those moments that lighten your heart and fill you with peace. Recently, during one of my Faith Formation home deliveries, I arrived to see children running through a sprinkler, screaming with delight as they leaped through the streams of cold water. I was so grateful to be there with them in the midst of their joy. Such happiness! Gotta be a “God moment.”

Wait! There’s more! (just like the commercials 😊) Another “God moment” for me was participating in one of the days of the St Dominic Hometown Mission Trip, painting the Youth Building. A youth taught me how to use a brush with “precision” (two colors meeting at a straight line); “the mission team” shared jokes and worked hard. Yes, my heart was light and filled with peace. What “God moments” have you recently enjoyed?

Wait! There’s STILL MORE! “God moments” are amazing grace in all circumstances and situations! In Faith Formation, we trust that God will “show up” in our midst as we gather in His Name. Faith instruction will be via Zoom, with lesson materials and 2020-21 calendar sent out via email and/or “drive thru pick up” at St Dominic Church. Families with students in Elementary, Middle School, and Confirmation attend the September “drive thru pick up” at St. Dominic Church (see schedule below). After September, Confirmation and Middle School families will be notified when a drive thru pick up” is needed. Elementary families follow a once per month “drive thru pick up” schedule for lesson materials.

Drive Thru Pick up at St. Dominic Church: Elementary, Middle School, & Confirmation materials
Enter at lower level parking lot, follow arrows to lower level entrance door #7, exit up by rectory.
The Schedule:

Monday, September 21, 4pm – 6pm Last Names “A” thru “J” pick up calendar and materials
Wednesday, September 23, 4pm – 6pm Last Names “K” thru “R” pick up calendar and materials
Thursday, September 24, 4pm – 6pm Last Names “S” thru “Z” pick up calendar and materials
***Families must be registered by Sunday, September 13 to receive materials on the above dates.**

Confirmation

Year 1

Preparation for Confirmation is a two year program of prayer, study, and service, initially offered to students entering 9th grade. Anyone entering 9th grade or older is welcome to begin the process. Year 1 Confirmation registration packets went out this past May, the deadline to register for 2020-22 Confirmation preparation is Sunday, September 13, 2020. The cost is \$80 per year. You may pay in full (\$160) or per year (\$80 per year). Calendar and Dynamic Catholic: Decision Point will be given to you during “drive thru pick up” week (see above).

Year 2

All 2019-21 Confirmation students re-register for year 2 on the enclosed family form, those who paid \$160 last year will have the credit on their account (the yearly rate is \$80). The deadline to register is Sunday, September 13, 2020. Calendar of prayer, study, and service will be given to you during “drive thru pick up” week. Please use the lesson materials given to you last year, Dynamic Catholic Decision Point Student Book; and the Catholic Youth Bible (received in Grade 4). Mara and St. Anthony are happy to help you out 😊, if needed. We encourage students to take responsibility for their learning experience. With parent permission, reminders and Zoom invites are sent out to parents and students’ iPads/cell phones.

Confirmation Key Dates for the Fall

Monday-Wednesday-Thursday, Sept 21, 23, 24, 4pm – 6pm (see above)

Sunday, September 27, 2020 - Orientation: Year 1 Zoom Meeting at 4pm; Year 2 Zoom Meeting at 5pm

Wednesday, Sept 30/Sunday Oct 4, time-TBD Yr 1 & Yr 2 Confirmation small group sessions

Wednesday, October 7 - 6pm Zoom Rosary ~ Sign up to lead or respond rosary prayers – text Mara 507-649-2353

Saturday, October 24, 2020 – Archdiocesan Youth Day at St Dominic Church (more details coming).

Middle School

Zoom Middle School Faith Formation Grades 6-7-8: Topic: The Mass & the Sacraments and the way these bring the presence of God into everyday life; the format is presentation and discussion. The presentation will be led by Rick Nelson, discussion will be facilitated by Rick and E3 certified volunteer small group leaders. Parent/Guardians and Students receive an invite/link for Zoom Faith Formation Middle School. We encourage students to take responsibility for their learning experience. With parent/guardian permission, each week, reminders and Zoom invites are sent out to parents and students' iPads/cell phones.

Middle School Key Dates for the Fall

Monday-Wednesday-Thursday, Sept 21, 23, 24, 4pm – 6pm (see above)

Wednesday, September 30, 2020 6:30pm Zoom Middle School Grades 6-7-8 Orientation

Wednesday, October 7 - 6pm Zoom Rosary ~ Sign up to lead or respond rosary prayers – text Mara 507-649-2353

Wednesday, October 14 – 6pm – 7pm Zoom Middle School presentation/discussion

Elementary

Zoom Elementary Faith Formation, Preschool – Grade 5: Elementary families receive Zoom invites for their child(ren)'s grade(s) to meet with E3 certified volunteer teachers for student instruction and parent networking. Below are the topics covered for each grade and the meeting times.

Elementary Topics

Preschool – Bibles Stories, Crafts & Prayers; books: Catholic Prayer Book for Children and Beginner's Bible
Kindergarten/Grade 1 – Bible Stories, Crafts & Prayers; books: Catholic Prayer for Children and Beginner's Bible
Sacramental Preparation (grades 2 & older) books: Dynamic Catholic Blessed Reconciliation and Holy Communion
Grade 3: Disciples of Jesus: Service and Study; books: Loyola Press Finding God and Beginner's Bible
Grade 4 – Living & Sharing the Good News; books: The Catholic Youth Bible and Bible Devotions and Activities
Grade 5 – Celebrating the Catholic Faith; books: Celebrating the Eucharist & Gathering to Celebrate the Sacraments

Zoom Faith Formation: Elementary (Preschool – Grade 5) with parent/guardian

- Family will receive an invite/link to attend Zoom Faith Formation Elementary for the grades of their children
- Staggered Start times for Zoom Classes for each grade (*K/Gr 1 will be combined)
- 5:30pm – 5:55pm Preschool, Kindergarten/Grade 1
- 6:00pm – 6:25pm Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation and Holy Communion (*students in this class are in Grade 2 or older)
- 6:00pm – 6:25pm Grade 4
- 6:30pm – 6:55pm Grade 3, Grade 5
- 7:00pm-8:00pm Questions? Mara is available in the Zoom meeting room or cell phone 507-649-2353

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Wednesday, October 14 - Staggered Start times for Elementary Zoom Instruction

Jesus said, "Whenever two or more are gathered in my name, I am there, right with you." (Matthew 18:20)
We look forward to gathering with you in your homes to celebrate the presence of Jesus.
In these challenging times we may not have it all together, but together, we have it all!

Let's give thanks for God's presence with us!

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