

AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

St. Damian's Parish Faith Formation

WELCOME TO THE 2019 FAITH FORMATION FAMILY!

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

This year the teachers will be submitting their classroom updates on a staggered schedule instead of a monthly schedule.

Classroom updates from the teachers will be included in the following monthly newsletters:

September 2019

November 2019

February 2020

April 2020

Father Anthony, Deacon Glenn, Deacon Kevin, and Sister Ellen will continue to share information on a monthly schedule. You will also find important dates, charity and fundraiser opportunities, etc. in the monthly newsletter.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2

- No School



2019 – 2020 Teachers

Kindergarten	Arlene Korte & Rita Haukap	amkorte2@aol.com rhaukap@charter.net
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Grade 3	Ruth Pingsterhaus	rpingerhaus@yahoo.com
Grade 4	Sharon Kalmer	skalmer@kalmerlumber.com
Grades 5 & 6	Mary Innes & Meredith Innes	mkinnes@wisperhome.com
Grades 7 & 8	Jackie Toennies	toennies9@wisperhome.com

Thank you all for taking up this duty.

FATHER ANTHONY'S GUIDANCE

My dear friends, it has been a fun summer with lots to do, but the school year is starting, so good luck to you. May God in his love and mercy bless you with a fruitful learning experience!

-Fr. Anthony Onyango

THE DEACON'S CORNER

Welcome everyone to the 2019-2020 Faith formation Class

I hope you have all had a fruitful summer and time to relax.

First of all, I would like to welcome our new students and parents. This is where you will stay for the coming years. Moreover, this is where you will meet the best friends of your life. Please accept our best wishes.

To all the returning students, welcome back. And, of course, to our teachers, welcome back too. Thank you for your hard work. I believe that with everybody's contribution, we will have a very successful year ahead.

What is meant by learning wisely? What is learning to you? More importantly, what is learning to your children? Find out how your children learn.

How do you do that? My suggestion is, ask questions. Young children ask many questions. They are interested in many things around them. They want to know, so they ask, and this is how they learn. Unfortunately, the older we get, the less questions we ask, and the less we learn. To become a wise learner, the first thing to do is to rebuild the habit of asking questions. Start asking questions again, like what you did when you were small.

*Always ask **WHY**. 'Why is it like this?' 'Why doesn't it happen like this?' 'Why are they the same?' 'Why are they different?' 'Why?'*

*Ask **HOW**. 'How is it related to me?' 'How does it work?' 'How is it made?' Etc.*

*Ask **WHAT**, ask **WHERE**, ask **WHICH**....*

Ask about anything you do not understand. When you get into the habit of asking questions, you will ignite your inquisitive mind. Remember to start asking questions. If you are interested in the children, then you motivate them to learn, because what they learn is important enough that you take the time to ask.

God teaches us to love our neighbors. When we follow the teaching and make an impact on the lives of others, our lives become meaningful. Are you living a Christian life now? Set it as another life-long goal of yours and get closer to it each day.

To sum up, the message I want to get across is asking you to: Learn Wisely and Live in Christ. I hope you will remember this for the rest of the year, and for the rest of your life.

Let me welcome everybody again, staff and students, new and old. Let's work closely together for another fruitful year and offer this to God, who is watching from above. Thank you!

-Deacon Glenn

I believe though I do not comprehend, and I hold by faith what I cannot grasp with the mind. –St. Bernard

ADORATION WITH BENEDICTION

A Weekly Holy Hour with Benediction is held **every Wednesday** at St. Bernard and St. Damian parishes. Adoration starts at 7:00 p.m. and concludes with Benediction at 8:00 p.m.

The location rotates on the SAME schedule as the Saturday Masses:

- September – St. Damian
- October – St. Bernard
- November – St. Damian

And so on...

Here is a link of things to do during a Holy Hour... <http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/pea/holyhour.html>

If you have any questions, please contact me at 314-660-3976.

-Deacon Kevin

LIFE REFLECTIONS

Over the summer, I had the challenge of surgery and six chemo treatments. Now that they are finished I find time to reflect on the life lessons I learned. One is that I often take for granted the blessings until they might be taken away. Probably like me, you expect to live long and prosper. But, each day is a gift from God and each of our blessings come with an invitation to use it for our community and to give glory to God.

I invite you today and throughout this year to recognize what God gives you and to use it well.

Durante el verano tenia el desafío de cirugía y seis tratamientos de quimioterapia. Ahora que se han terminado encuentro tiempo de reflexionar sobre las lecciones de vida que me trajeron. Uno es que a menudo tengo por dado las bendiciones hasta correr el riesgo de perderlas. Probablemente como yo, esperan vivir una vida larga y próspera. Pero cada día es un don De Dios y cada bendición viene con una invitación de usarla por el bien de la comunidad y dar gloria a Dios.

Les invito hoy area vez de todo el año de reconocer lo que Dios te da y usarlo bien.

-Sister Ellen Orf

FAITH FORMATION WEEKDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

St. Damian's Ministry Schedule August/September 2019

Date	Voc Prayer	Servers	Reader	Petitions	Gifts	Choir
Wed-Aug 28	Randy Oros	Natalie Lynch Aliya Henss Lyla Koch	MaKenna Budde	Saul Contreras	Randy Oros Charlie Sauer	7/8th
Mon-Sep 2	NO SCHOOL					
Wed-Sep 4	Olivia Wilken	Saul Contreras Brant Horstmann Ryan Oros	Kevin Athmer	Ethan Korte	Olivia Wilken Charlotte Cleeton	7/8th
Mon-Sep 9	Grace Deiters	Makenna Budde Evelyn Ribbing Reid Koch	Genesis Contreras	Giovani Guerrero	Grace Deiters Dylann Netemeyer	2nd/3rd/4th
Wed-Sep 11	Ryan Oros	Olivia Wilken Kennedy Toennies Gracie Deiters	Reece Deiters	John Rojas	Ryan Oros Reid Toennies	7/8th
Mon-Sep 16	Brant Horstmann	Jacob Athmer Chase Jansen Trent Korte	Arleth Rojas	Zachary Huegen	Haylee Yarber Kenslie Engle	1st/5th/6th
Wed-Sep 18	Lyla Koch	Ethan Korte Randy Oros Zachary Huegen	CeCe Toennies	Natalie Lynch	Lincoln Arentsen Jacob Athmer	7/8th
Mon-Sep 23	Randy Oros	Lauren Lynch CeCe Toennies Genesis Contreras	Trent Korte	Hunter Toennies	Reed Wuebbels Reid Innes	2nd/3rd/4th
Wed-Sep 25	Olivia Wilken	Hunter Toennies Brant Horstmann John Rojas	Evelyn Ribbing	Edwin Oros	Nolan Goebel Henry Ribbing	7/8th
Mon-Sep 30	Ryan Oros	Nolan Goebel Reid Innes Simon Toennies	Chase Jansen	Kennedy Toennies	CeCe Toennies Collins Horstmann	1st/5th/6th

