

APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

St. Damian's Parish Faith Formation

Try letting God know what is in your heart without the use of words.
-Windows of Worship

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Kindergarten:

The Kindergarten class has been learning about showing love to others by helping people. They learned about making good choices and that following rules helps them make good choices. We touched on forgiveness; it will be taught every year in Faith Formation classes.

Signs were the topic of another class, including how our Church uses signs to show God's love. Water, they learned, is a sign used for Baptism.

Most students learned the Hail Mary prayer. We're still working on learning the Our Father. Please say this prayer with your child to reinforce what he/she has learned. Please remind your child to pray during summer vacation!

Have an enjoyable and safe summer!

-Lori Jansen

Grade 1:

The 1st grade has been focusing on Lent. We showed a video on the Crucifixion and the Resurrection.

After Lent we did some catch-up Advent work and then did some activities on how to be caretakers of our surroundings and environment. We also learned how to help others by being kind and working with them if they need help.

We have learned the basic prayers and are currently working on the Before Meal Prayer. We will finish the year making First Communion cards for the 2nd graders and Confirmation cards for the 7th and 8th graders.

There will be a Mass for all the students the last night of class (May 12th). All parents/friends of the students are invited. It will be a good way to end the year.

I enjoyed having your student this past year in Faith Formation. They truly are a super bunch of kids.

Have a great summer!

-Mary Innes



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 1

- First Communion – 4:00 pm at St. Damian

MAY 8

- Confirmation – 4:00 pm at St. Damian

MAY 12

- St. Damian – Last day of Faith Formation. There will be an all-school Mass with parents invited.

MAY 20

- St. Bernard – Final day of school Mass

MAY 21

- St. Bernard – Last day of Faith Formation

Grade 2:

The 2nd grade has been anxiously awaiting their First Communion which will be on Saturday May 1, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

We enjoyed our mini retreat on Saturday March 20th. The students baked unleavened bread with their parents and they painted their Blessing cups.

We have been practicing for their big day. We have also been finishing up the Dynamic Catholic Blessed series for First Communion, learning to be the 'best-version-of-themselves', and knowing how truly blessed they are to be able to receive the Sacraments.

-Denise Luitjohan

Grade 3:

Our class has been learning about the seven sacraments. We also made crosses for the second grade's first communion. The children enjoyed this project.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer.

-Ruth Pingsterhaus

Grades 5 & 6:

During Lent, the 5/6th grades made crosses out of clothespins that they glued together and stained. They enjoyed this project and the results.



It's been a fast year and I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer!

-Sharon Kalmer

Grades 7 & 8:

We are focusing on our final preparation for our Confirmation which will be at 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, May 8th.

We will end the Faith Formation year with a Mass on Wednesday, May 12, at 6:45 pm.

Happy summer to you all!

-Jackie Toennies

THE DEACON'S CORNER

THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

From the Catholic Catechism:

1212 The sacraments of Christian initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist - lay the foundations of every Christian life. "The sharing in the divine nature given to men through the grace of Christ bears a certain likeness to the origin, development, and nourishing of natural life. The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure, the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity."

I bring this up as the Faith Communities are being renewed with the joy of the sacraments bestowed on Easter Saturday; First Communion and Confirmation at St. Bernard; and First Communion at St. Damian; along with all the baptisms that are taking place over the next several weeks of Easter.

Just an added note of the importance of the children coming to Mass regularly on weekends with their families. On weekdays they attend Mass during Faith Formation sessions, but the children need to pray with their moms and dads at Mass also on the weekends. Praying together strengthens a family in more ways than we'll ever realize!!!! Joshua says', "as for me and my house, we will serve God" Thank you for bringing the children to Mass!

-Deacon Glenn

"May you always be doing those good, kind things that show you are a child of God." Phil 1:11

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Odd Months - Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at St. Damian.

Even Months - - Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard.

PSR REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR

PSR Registration Forms for 2021-2022 are attached. The registration fee has remained the same as previous years, however, we have added a \$25 book fee per student to cover the cost of new books.

Please have these registration forms and fees returned by May 12, 2021.

-Deacon Glenn Netemeyer

PARENT/STUDENT COMMITMENT
(Students already in Faith Formation)

FOR

St. Damian Catholic Faith Formation Program

The purpose of the Church's educational ministry is to make a person's faith in God more alive and active. Religious education, therefore, becomes more than sharing information and memorizing answers. It is the gradual initiation into a lifestyle that also includes worship, service and a morality modeled on the life of Jesus. It involves the student in the Church's mission, which is also the mission of Jesus calling us to bring about God's Kingdom.

Parents, by word and example, are the primary role models and educators of their children. Our parish seeks to assist parents in this task by providing a formal program of religious education. Program goals of building faith communities and passing on the treasures of our Catholic heritage are areas where parents, catechists and students can work together.

Commitment and cooperation are necessary in this educational endeavor, therefore, you and your family are asked to review the expectations, attendance and behavioral requirements outlined in the Policy Handbook. Please read these carefully and thoughtfully with your child/children and sign below.

I have read and agree to abide by the requirements and expectations of the St. Damian Catholic Faith Formation Program

Signatures of Students

Grade Student is Entering

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Please update the following if there have been any changes.

Address _____ **Phone** _____ **Cell** _____

Email Address _____

Fee is \$50 per student; family of 3 or more is \$100. Also there will be a \$25 book fee per student for Gr. 1-8.

Fee is attached. YES _____ NO _____ Amount _____

Book fee attached. YES _____ NO _____ Amount _____

COMPROMISO ALUMNO/PADRES

La finalidad del ministerio educativo de la Iglesia es fortalecer la fe en Dios y asegurar que sea viva y activa, entonces el programa vuelve a ser mas que solo compartir informacion y memorizando respuestas. Intentamos a iniciar el alumno o la alumna en un estilo de vida que incluye culto, servicio y un moral modelado en la vida de Cristo Jesus. Intentamos a involucrar al alumno en la mision de la Iglesia, que es tambien la mision de Cristo Jesus llamandonos a luchar para el Reino de Dios aqui en la tierra.

Los Padres, por su palabra y ejemplo, son los principales modelos y educadores de sus hijos. La parroquia busca la manera de asistir a los padres en su tarea por entregar un programa formal de educacion religiosa. Las metas del programa incluyen: formando comunidades de fe y entregando las riquezas de la fe catolica, son campos a donde los padres, catequistas y alumnos se pueden colaborar juntos.

El compromiso y la colaboracion son elementos necesarios en estas tareas educativas, entonces tu y tu familia estan invitados revisar a los requerimientos de comportamiento, expectativas y asistencia encontrado en el folleto de politicas del programa. Por favor de leerlos con cuidado con tus hijos antes que firmen aqui abajo.

Yo he leído y estoy de acuerdo con los requisitos y expectativas del Programa de la Formacion de la Fe de la Parroquias de San Damian/San Bernardo.

Firmas de los Alumnos

Año Escolar por 2021-2022

Firma de los Padres/Tutores _____

Por favor de poner al día lo siguiente informacion cuando hay cambios.

Direccion _____ **Numero de tel.** _____

Correo electronico (si lo hay) _____

Pedimos una cooperacion de: \$50.00 dolares por alumno. Si no se puede comunica con el ministro hispano. Libro: \$25.00.

En el mes de agosto, antes que inician las clases, un compromiso entre Iglesia y los Padres va a llegar a su casa, para ayudarlas como familias reflexionar sobre la responsabilidad que ustedes taron en el bautismo de su hijo para entrenarle y educarle en la practica de la fe.

Queridos Padres de Familia/Tutores:

La Primavera ya esta llegando, mientras que estamos preparando por el año escolar 2021-2022 en el Programa de la Formación de la Fe para los jóvenes de las parroquias de San Damian/San Bernardo.

La inscripción para el programa de la Formación de la Fe es \$50.00 por alumno, con cada familia pagando lo máximo de \$100.00. El aumento refleja los costos actuales, los precios de los libros y otros materiales, y también nos ayuda entregar un estipendio a los maestros catequistas.

El programa de las parroquias de San Damian/San Bernardo nos ofrece clases de religión y la Santa Misa cada mañana cuando hay clases en la escuela estatal. Empezamos a las 7:45 a.m. y terminamos a las 8:25 a.m., para que los alumnos estén listos a iniciar sus clases a las 8:30 a.m. **Asistencia en la Santa Misa y en todas las clases es un requisito porque si los alumnos fallan, nos impide en la tarea de crear una comunidad de fe y en la enseñanza de sus hijos.**

Para ustedes quienes han tenido sus hijos en el programa de la formación en la fe durante el año escolar pasado y quisiera que tus hijos sigan en el programa en el año escolar que viene, hagan lo siguiente:

- a. Padres/Alumnos firmen el formato de compromiso, verificando que desean ser inscrito de nuevo por el año escolar 2021-2022.
- b. Anotan el año en que su hijo(s) estarán inscritos en agosto de 2021.
- c. Para familias con alumnos empezando el Kinder, llenan el formato.(St. Damian)
- d. Manden el pago conjunto con el formato de compromiso, si se puede. Si no, comunica con el ministro hispano.
- e. Regresen el formato de compromiso firmado lo más pronto posible.

Para cualquier aclaración o preguntas, llame a Hna. Ellen al: 636-293-8253.

**FORMATO DE INSCRIPCION PARA EL PROGRAMA DE FORMACION EN LA FE PARA LAS
PARROQUIAS DE SAN DAMIAN/SAN BERNARDO.**

(Este formato es para alumnos nuevos por el ano escolar 2021-2022)

Nombre del Alumno: _____ **Nivel en 2021-2022** _____

Direccion: _____

Ciudad: _____ **Codigo Postal:** _____

Numero de telefono: _____

Correo Electronico: _____

Necesidades medicos: _____

Nombre de Papa: _____

Direccion y numero de telefono (si es diferente del alumno/a):

Nombre de Mama: _____

Direccion y numero de telefono (si es diferente del alumno/a):

Fecha de Nacimiento del Alumno/a: _____

Fecha del Bautismo: _____

Ciudad y el Estado/Pais: _____

Tu hijo ha hecho su primera comunion? _____

Si, nombre de la Iglesia _____

Ciudad/Estado/Pais: _____

Tu hijo ha recibido el sacramento de la Confirmacion?: _____

Si, nombre de la Iglesia _____

Ciudad/Estado/Pais: _____

Cuantos anos ha asistido en la catequesis? _____

Nombra las parroquias a donde tu hijo ha recibido catequesis antes?

Documentos: Para nuevos alumnos, si no fue bautizado en las Parroquias de San Damian/San Bernardo, debe traer una copia de su acta a la oficina de la parroquia.

Pedimos \$ 50.00 por alumno, mas \$25.00 por libro, si no se puede pagar, llame a Hna. Ellen al número: 636-293-8253.