

Registration Packet for Family Faith Formation and Youth Group



**St. Charles Borromeo Parish
Gretna, Nebraska**

2018-2019

The Family as the Privileged Place for Faith Formation

Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the Holy Family of Joseph and Mary. The Church herself is the family of God. From the beginning, the core of the Church was often constituted by those who had become believers “together with all [their] household” (Acts of the Apostles 8:18). In our own time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centers of living radiant faith. For this reason, the family is called the *domestic Church* (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1655-1656).

The Role of Parents and Pastors

Parents, especially through the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony, receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children. Parents should initiate their children at an early age into the mysteries of the faith and should associate them from their tenderest years with the life of the Church. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2225-2226). It is the duty of the pastor to provide for the catechetical formation of adults, young people, and children and also to promote and foster the role of parents in family catechesis (*Code of Canon Law*, can. 776)

Faith Formation & Religious Education at St. Charles Borromeo

At St. Charles Borromeo, our programs for ongoing faith formation and religious education have been designed to assist and support parents rather than to exclude them or usurp their privilege of being the principal educators of the faith for their children. Our programs are built upon the regular practice of the faith by the family. The very necessary minimum for prayer and moral effort for all the faithful is defined as the Precepts of the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2041-2043):

- 1) Attend Mass on Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation and rest from servile labor,
- 2) Confess one's sins in Confession at least once a year,
- 3) Receive the Eucharist at least once a year during Eastertide,
- 4) Observe the days of fasting and abstinence as defined by the Church, and
- 5) Help to provide for the needs of the Church through stewardship.

Family Faith Formation: Children in Grades 1-6

Our Family Faith Formation program is designed principally for children in grades 1-6. Children, accompanied by at least one parent, will meet once a month on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon/evening of their choosing throughout the school year. Rather than dividing children by age or grade level, families will be arranged together into small groups. They will be led through a curriculum that is geared to such a multi-generational audience.

Youth Group: Children in Grades 7-12

Our Youth Group program is designed principally for teens in grades 7-12. Youth Group meets after the 5:00 p.m. Mass each Sunday evening at 6:00-8:00. Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to attend every Sunday. Young people in grades 7-8 will be invited to attend on two designated Sundays each month. (It is preferred that youth in grades 7-8 attend Youth Group; however, based on individual circumstances, they may instead participate in Family Faith Formation with families and younger children.)

Preparation for the Sacraments

Preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and Baptism of Non-Infant Children will take place in separate catechetical sessions on the weeks of the month when Family Faith Formation is not taking place. For information on each sacramental program and how to register for it at the appropriate time, see the separate packet entitled "Guidelines for Preparing Children & Teens for the Reception of the Sacraments".

Homeschooling

Parents who wish to homeschool their children for ongoing faith formation and/or sacramental catechesis must provide the Director Religious Formation with the curriculum being used. Before being admitted to the Sacraments, one or more meetings with the pastor or his delegate will be scheduled to ensure the child is sufficiently catechized and properly disposed to receiving the Sacraments.

2018-2019 ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH YOUTH FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM

Are you registered with the parish? Yes ___ No ___

Registration cannot be processed unless you are formally registered with the parish

Unless we are notified otherwise, we will use the information below to update the parish database.

Family Last Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____
Mother's Cell _____ Father's Cell _____
Mother's Work Phone _____ Father's Work Phone _____
Email _____ Alternate Email _____
Home Phone _____

Custodial care is with: Both Parents _____ Mother _____ Father _____ Other _____

STUDENT #1 INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Circle one: Male or Female

Birthdate _____ School Name 2018-19 _____ Grade level 2018-19 _____

Program choice (circle all that apply): Family Faith Formation Youth Group (gr 7-8) Youth Group (gr 9-12)

My child has received the following sacraments (circle all that apply): Baptism Reconciliation Eucharist Confirmation

STUDENT #2 INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Circle one: Male or Female

Birthdate _____ School Name 2018-19 _____ Grade level 2018-19 _____

Program choice (circle all that apply): Family Faith Formation Youth Group (gr 7-8) Youth Group (gr 9-12)

My child has received the following sacraments (circle all that apply): Baptism Reconciliation Eucharist Confirmation

STUDENT #3 INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Circle one: Male or Female

Birthdate _____ School Name 2018-19 _____ Grade level 2018-19 _____

Program choice (circle all that apply): Family Faith Formation Youth Group (gr 7-8) Youth Group (gr 9-12)

My child has received the following sacraments (circle all that apply): Baptism Reconciliation Eucharist Confirmation

STUDENT #4 INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Circle one: Male or Female

Birthdate _____ School Name 2018-19 _____ Grade level 2018-19 _____

Program choice (circle all that apply): Family Faith Formation Youth Group (gr 7-8) Youth Group (gr 9-12)

My child has received the following sacraments (circle all that apply): Baptism Reconciliation Eucharist Confirmation

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Please indicate below any special circumstances regarding your child or family. If allergy is potentially life threatening, please meet with the Director to discuss. **This information will be treated as confidential.**

Are there any parental custodial circumstances that might affect your child's attendance? Yes ____ No ____
If yes, please explain

Does your child(ren) have a medical condition, food allergies, or behavioral problems? Yes ____ No ____

Child's Name _____ If yes, please explain _____
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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____
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CONSENT TO CONTACT PHYSICIAN IN AN EMERGENCY

In the event that a parent/guardian cannot be reached, I hereby give my consent to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church to contact the following physician _____ (name) at _____ (phone), and, if necessary, transport my child to a clinic or hospital.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

MEDIA RELEASE

I hereby give St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church permission to publish pictures of my child(ren) on the parish website, social media, or parish publications. (Please note: No names will be included with pictures).

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

YOUTH GROUP ONLY

Contact Information for Youth (From time to time we will send messages/emails to communicate with and as reminders to the youth. There will always be at least 2 adults involved in the messaging/emails)

Youth email: _____ Youth cell # _____

____ I would like to be included on all youth communication (email and messages)

Email: _____ Cell # _____

2018-2019 YOUTH FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The youth faith formation programs at St. Charles Catholic Church operate through the efforts of volunteers. In other words, we need YOU! Please prayerfully consider if you are being called to one of the ministries below. If you choose to help please fill out the form below. The Archdiocese requires that ALL adults who have regular contact with parish youth become Safe Environment certified. Please visit the Archdiocese website for training information (www.archomaha.org).

Name _____
Email _____
Phone numbers: Cell _____ Home _____
Work _____
Safe Environment Trained: Yes _____ No _____

_____ **Family Faith Formation Small Group Facilitator:** Lead your family group in activities and discussion. Time Commitment: 1 formal class per month and one other gathering per month.

_____ **Reconciliation Catechist:** Helps to lead families and children in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Time Commitment: 6 classes in the fall and the same 6 classes in the spring.

_____ **Eucharist Catechist:** Helps to lead families and children in preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Time Commitment: 6 classes in the spring.

_____ **Confirmation Catechist:** Helps to lead youth in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Time Commitment: 6 classes in the fall and the same 6 classes in the spring.

_____ **Youth Group Leader:** Helps to lead youth in small groups to facilitate discussions. Time Commitment: Two or Four gatherings per month.

_____ **Youth Group Helper:** Helps coordinate gatherings behind the scenes, set up, food prep, etc.

_____ **Child Care:** Care for children ages 0-5 years while parents attend sessions with their school-age children. Time Commitment: Varies - once a month to once a week.

_____ **Special projects:** Help with planning and execution of special projects as needed (retreats, receptions, etc.)

_____ **Photographer:** Takes photos at class and various events for social media and publications.

_____ **Technology:** Assist with audio/visual/technical equipment purchase and maintenance.

_____ **Prayer Warriors:** Commit to pray for the children and families in the youth faith formation programs. Specific intentions will be distributed as needed throughout the year.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH GROUP TUITION AND FEES

*Please note there will be a \$20 late fee for registrations received after May 31, 2018

Family Faith Formation: \$95 for first child plus \$50 each additional child	
Youth Group (gr 7-8): \$65 per child	
Youth Group (gr 9-12): Free will donation	
Late Fee (if received after May 31, 2018) \$20	
TOTAL FAMILY FEE	

Payment Options – EFT Enrollment or Payment in Full is Required at Registration

Payment in Full (cash or check). Please make checks payable to St. Charles Borromeo.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Please attach a voided check. Four equal payments will be drawn on the following dates: August 20, September 20, October 20, November 20

Family Total / 4 payments = _____

I understand by signing below, my checking/savings account will be debited on the above-listed dates for tuition charges. I authorize St. Charles Borromeo Church of Omaha to debit my account with the amount shown above. EFT payments which are rejected due to insufficient funds will be subject to additional bank fees.

Signature _____ Date _____

Tuition Assistance. Form is available at the RF Office. Please call 402-916-9750 to request a form.

CLASS TIMES

- Tuesday 5:30-7:00 pm
- Wednesdays 4:00-5:30 pm, 5:30-7:00 pm, and 6:00-7:30 pm

**Please select a day and time when at least one parent is able to accompany your child(ren).
Sessions will be filled on a first come, first served basis.
We will do our best to honor your preferences**

1st choice day _____ Time _____

2nd choice day _____ Time _____

Babysitting required: Yes No Ages of child(ren) _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ EFT enroll _____ Date Received _____