

TOP TEN THINGS PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

- 1. Parents MUST accompany all children under the age of 18 to and from the classrooms!** We would rather err on the side of caution and be sure your child is safe. We will only release children to a parent or designated adult from the non-parent pick up form. Children may not meet you in the parking lot, commons or another child's classroom.
- 2. ALL Faith Formation Communication is sent via email and posted to the parish website. If you have not received any emails from Stacy and Christina this year, please email re@gs-cc.org so we can get you on the mailing list or check your spam folder.** We will send a monthly update as well as other time sensitive information. Please read the emails. Information is also available on our parish website, FF parent page, through the parish app (download information is on-line), on the bulletin board in the classroom hallway, in the bulletin and through twitter (@gsffk6). The emails and website will have the most current information.
- 3. Orange Folders will go home with students each week and should be returned at each class.** This folder will have homework, flyers and other information that your child's catechist wants to share with you. Please check this every week. Your children will have short homework assignments, and it is meant to be a parent-child activity.
- 4. Parents are the Children's Primary Catechists** Take time each day to pray with your children and share your faith. Complete Faith Formation homework with your child. Children learn by example – when you give your faith a priority, children will too.
- 5. Mass Attendance is Crucial** Taking your child to Mass each week is the single most important way you can nourish their faith - class does not take the place of Mass.
- 6. Parent Resources on Parish Website –**
<http://www.gs-cc.org/faith-formation-elementary.html>

You are the primary catechist for your children; they will turn to you with the BIG life questions and we want to help you have the answers! If you don't have time to attend

our Adult Faith Formation events in the evenings, check out Formed and learn more about the Catholic faith ***and how you can help your kids at home!***

- 7. Faith Formation Calendar** Please place this calendar in a prominent place and note class days on your family calendar. We follow all Federal Holiday Weekends. An additional calendar of Family Friendly events is on our website.
- 8. VOLUNTEERS are needed!** We ask that each family find at least one way to volunteer this year. The program is completely dependent on volunteers. We need help at each session as hall monitors and subs. We also still need some assistants. In addition, we need help at special events and behind the scenes. Please check the sign-up that went home to volunteer or email re@gs-cc.org.
- 9. Attendance is very important.** Make Faith Formation classes a priority. Our curriculum builds week after week and we have only 25 classes – each absence means your child is missing something significant. Also note that excessive absences can delay the timeline for receiving Sacraments.
- 10. How to reach us.** Christina and Stacy are both part time employees who are job sharing the Coordinator position. You may contact us via email or phone and one of us will get back to you within 48 hours.
 - Email [**re@gs-cc.org**](mailto:re@gs-cc.org) and either Stacy or Christina will reply;
 - Call the parish office at 703-780-4055, X331.