

2011-2012 St. Mary's Parish Family Faith Formation Expectations and Procedures

1. Faith Formation sessions will be scheduled on Wednesday nights from either 5:00-6:15 or 6:30-7:45 unless otherwise noted on schedule. *To insure safety, parents and children should use the north (Thayer) or parking lot doors.*
2. Children should wait outside their classroom until their leader arrives.
3. Parents of children in grades K-3 are asked to come into the school and pick up their child from the classroom at the end of each session.
4. Parents are encouraged to join us any time! Your child's leader may ask you to help in the classroom from time to time.
5. Please make sure your child does not come to Faith Formation hungry. If they don't have a chance to go home between school and church, be sure they get a snack before-hand.
6. Children are responsible for bringing their text books (K-8 grade), bibles (4-8 grade), notebooks (6-7 grade) and folders (7-8 grade) *every week.*
7. Children should share what they have learned and finish each lesson at home with their parents if they have not finished in the group. Be sure you ask your child to teach *you* something about each lesson!
8. Please call the leader of your group if your child will be absent.
9. St. Mary's Grade School teachers are generously sharing their space with us. *It is very important that nothing is disturbed in the classroom!* Please discuss this with your child and remind them to be respectful of the classroom, leaders, and other children in their group.
10. In the case of behavior issues, a yellow card similar to what is used in a soccer game may be used as a warning. If a child is misbehaving during a Faith Formation session and he/she doesn't stop after politely being told once, a yellow card will be placed on the child's desk. If negative behavior continues, the child will be asked to visit with Mrs. Gilbertson at the end of the session. If behavior issues continue for numerous weeks, parents may be asked to attend Faith Formation with their child.
11. There are many events on the schedule that involve the whole family such as Festival of Faith and special Masses, etc. Please check your schedule and the weekly bulletin for more details.
12. In case of bad weather, listen to KFYR radio, check our website, www.stmarysbismarck.org, or go on Facebook for cancellation information.
13. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Sheila Gilbertson, Faith Formation Coordinator, St. Mary's Parish at 223-5562 or sheila@stmarysparishfamily.net.