



ST. OLAF CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Olaf Faith Formation Registration Packet 2016-2017

Welcome to the 2016-17 Faith Formation year! Thank you for taking the time to carefully read this packet. There are some major changes this year.

REGISTRATION: You must register every year. Early registration helps us arrange for the necessary number of classes and catechists. Please help us by registering promptly. A registration form is also a permission form for your child to attend classes at St. Olaf. Note: Registered families will receive a Faith Formation Handbook in the mail toward the end of August. You don't want to miss that.

FEES:

- Parishioners: \$60 for first child; \$100 maximum per family
- Non-parishioners: \$90 for first child; \$130 maximum per family
- Sacramental Fees: \$25 per child per sacramental year (Grade 2, Grade 10, Grade 11); and also \$25 per student preparing for a sacrament at a non-traditional time.

No child will be denied religious education because of inability to pay fees. Please contact us if you need fees waived. There is NO FEE for SENIORS.

CODE OF CONDUCT FORM: Please go over the Code of Behavior with your children and **return it with the registration form.** You and your children must sign this.

PHOTO OPT-OUT FORMS: We have included a Photo Opt-Out Form with this packet. **Return it ONLY** if you **DO NOT** wish to have a photograph of your child appear in the newspaper or on our website.

GENERAL PARENT MEETINGS (held in Church)

Another parent meeting? Do I have to attend? I've been to so many! Well, yes, we need you to come to **one** meeting (four different options), I have to attend all four! I am making it as easy and painless as possible. We have some things to discuss. The four meeting options are during the first class of each session:

- **Sunday, September 18**—at **10:15 a.m.** and **6:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, September 21**—at **5:00 p.m.** and at **6:30 p.m.**

CLASS TIME CHANGE (for Wednesday): Wednesday, 4K-Grade 4 will meet from 5-6:15 p.m. (*instead of 4:30 p.m.*).

SESSION OFFERINGS*:

Sundays	10:15-11:30 a.m.	4K-Grade 4
Sundays	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Grades 5-11 (including Confirmation)
Sundays	7:30 p.m.	Grade 12 (Seniors)
Wednesdays	5:00-6:15 p.m.	4K-Grade 4
Wednesdays	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Grades 5-11 (including confirmation)

***First day ONLY**—Everyone gathers in church (parents, students and catechists). When the students go to their classrooms I will meet with the parents. All students and catechists will return to the church for the last 15 minutes of class for a large group prayer service.

****Every day after the first day:**

- Children and Youth will begin class in their classroom.
- Everyone will end in church with a prayer service, the last 15 minutes of every class. **Parents are encouraged to attend the prayer service.**

ATTENDANCE: We only have 24 weeks of classes—attendance is important. If your child misses a class, please call us and make up the lesson(s) that are missed.

WEDNESDAY MEAL OPTION: "Dinner on the Run" is being developed to help families have an actual meal on Wednesdays with their busy schedules. More information will be in the handbook.

HOMESCHOOLING: If you homeschool your child for Faith Formation, the fees are the same as those listed. You must still register. Students who are homeschooled will have packets of homework that will have to be turned in periodically. It is not recommended to homeschool for Confirmation.

FIRST RECONCILIATION and FIRST EUCHARIST:

- **First Reconciliation**
 - Parent Meeting—During class Wednesday, October 5 and Sunday, October 9
 - Rite of Enrollment—Saturday October 15 at 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 16 at 9 a.m.
 - First Reconciliation Parent Retreat—Saturday, January 14
 - First Reconciliation—Saturday, January 28
- **First Eucharist**
 - Parent Meeting—during class Sunday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 22
 - Family Retreat—Saturday, April 8
 - First Communion—Saturday, May 6 at 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 7 at 9 a.m.

CONFIRMATION: This is one of the major changes in the diocese. The Diocese of Madison is in the process of setting a standard age/grade for Confirmation. We have developed a three year plan to get to that direction.

Confirmation Schedule for the next three years:

- Spring 2017—Sophomores and Juniors will be confirmed
- Tentative:**
- Spring 2018—Freshmen and Sophomores will be confirmed
 - Spring 2019—Freshmen will be confirmed

It is also required that students attend pre-confirmation Faith Formation classes.

--This current year, 2016-2017, Grades 10 and 11 will be involved in the immediate preparation for Confirmation. They will be confirmed in the Spring of 2017. Sophomores will have homework to catch up with the Juniors.

--Grades 8 and 9 are considered pre-confirmation preparation years. In order to be confirmed in the Spring of 2018, 8th and 9th graders must participate in Faith Formation classes.

Important Confirmation Dates:

Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting (Gr. 10-11)	Sunday, September 11	6:00 p.m.
Confirmation Junior Retreat	Saturday, September 24	10:00-6:00 p.m.
Confirmation Sophomore Retreat	Saturday, October 8	10:00-6:00 p.m.
Confirmation Rite of Welcome	Saturday, October 8	5:00 p.m. Mass

****Students who did not attend Faith Formation classes in 2015-2016 as 8th, 9th or 10th graders...you must contact Paula immediately so you can catch up on what you missed if you want to be confirmed on schedule.**

****Students who are older than 2nd grade and have not received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Confession) and/or First Communion, please contact Paula or Barb at the Parish Office (846-5726). We have a program designed for older children to prepare them to receive these sacraments.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS): Vacation Bible School will take place August 1-4, 9 a.m.-noon at Christ Lutheran Church for ages 3 through those entering Grade 6 in the fall. A VBS packet is included with this mailing.

EMAIL and WEBSITE...and ADDRESS / PHONE # / EMAIL CHANGES :

- Please include your email address on your Faith Formation Registration Form. We are making an effort to communicate with our families by email.
- St. Olaf **website** is: www.stolafdeforest.org. We will include reminders, cancellations and offerings of interest to families.
- Please help us keep our records up-to-date by notifying the Parish Office (**846-5726**) or email us when you have a change of address, phone number or email during the school year.

Thank you for registering promptly!

Sincerely,

Paula Hill
Director of Religious Education
846-5726, ext. 14
dre@saintolafchurch.org

ck#	_____
Pd.	_____
Date:	_____
By:	_____
Sacr. Fee:	_____

ST. OLAF 2016-2017 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM

Please return to: St. Olaf Faith Formation Office, 623 Jefferson St., DeForest 53532 (846-5726).

MOTHER:

Name

Address City Zip

Home Phone Work Phone

Mother's Cell Phone

Mother's Religion

Family Email address: _____

FATHER:

Name

Address City Zip

Home Phone Work Phone

Father's Cell Phone

Father's Religion

***Parent(s)--Please sign below giving permission for participation in the Faith Formation Program:**

_____ Date _____
Parent signature

Children live with: ___Both parents ___Mother ___Father ___Other

To whom should mail be addressed? _____

(Please note if you want all communications sent to more than one address.)

Please list children who will be in the 2016-2017 program. Please indicate if your child has received his/her sacraments:
 (BAPT=Baptism; EUCH=Eucharist/Communion; RECON=Reconciliation/Penance/Confession; CONF=Confirmation)

NAME (Last, First)	PREFERRED NAME	GRADE	SEX M/F	BIRTH DATE	BAPT Yes/No	EUCH Yes/No	RECON Yes/No	CONF Yes/No

Elementary (4K-Gr. 4): ___ *Wednesday* 5:00-6:15 p.m. **High School (Gr. 9-11):** ___ *Wednesday* 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 ___ *Sunday* 10:15-11:30 a.m. ___ *Sunday* 6:00-7:30 p.m.

(NOTE: Confirmation—Grades 10 & 11)

Middle School (Gr. 5-8): ___ *Wednesday* 6:30-8:00 p.m. **Seniors (Gr. 12)*:** ___ *Sunday* 7:30 p.m.
 ___ *Sunday* 6:00-7:30 p.m.

FEES: Registration/Material/Book Fee: \$60 per child, or \$100 maximum per family (plus Sacramental Fees, if applicable)

(Nonparishioners: \$90 per child/\$130 maximum per family--Interested in joining St. Olaf Parish? Call the Parish Office, 846-5726.)

Sacramental Materials Fee: \$25 per child--in grades 2, 10 and 11, or if preparing for sacraments in a non-traditional time. (This is an additional fee.)

*NO CHARGE for Gr. 12 (Seniors)

The Registration Fees are waived for families if PARENTS volunteer as catechists', aides or office helpers.

No child will be denied religious education because of family financial difficulty. Please contact the DRE/CRE for assistance.

Please remember to fill out the BACK SIDE of this form. →

Grades 4K—Gr. 12 Safety Concerns Information

In the event of an emergency during class time, please contact _____ at the following number _____.

Alternate emergency contact: _____
Name Relationship Phone #

My children have the following allergies (food, medicine, etc.):

Name _____ Allergies _____
Name _____ Allergies _____
Name _____ Allergies _____

Please indicate any special learning or health needs which might be helpful to us in assuring that your son or daughter has a positive and productive experience here:

Volunteer Opportunities

Please indicate any areas in which you would like to help out.

(All ADULT volunteers will need to complete VIRTUS Training.)

(Registration Fees for catechists, classroom aides and office helpers' children are waived.)

Catechist: Grade _____ Day _____ Time _____

Aide: Grade _____ Day _____ Time _____

Substitute: Grade(s) _____ Day(s) _____ Time(s) _____

Office Assistance: Day _____ Time _____

Hall Monitor: _____ Wednesdays—6:30-8:00 p.m.

_____ Sundays—6:00-7:30 p.m.

Child Care at Parish Center (during parent meetings, class, special events, etc.) _____

Provide refreshments for special events: _____

Elementary special events assistance: _____

MS/HS special events assistance: _____

Classroom clean-up after class: Day _____ Time _____

Help take down tables, chairs and room dividers in the Gym after class: _____ Wednesdays—8:00 p.m.

_____ Sundays—7:30 p.m.

Parking Lot Supervisor: _____ Sunday 10:10-10:40 a.m.

_____ Sunday 5:45-6:15 p.m.

_____ Wednesday 5:00-6:15 p.m.

_____ Wednesday 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Volunteer opportunities for YOUTH:

Altar Server (5th grade and older) _____

Spirit Singers (3rd - 6th grade) _____

Teen Choir (7th - 12th grade) _____

Child Care at Parish Center (during parent meetings, etc.) _____

Please indicate what school each child attends: _____

ST. OLAF CODE OF BEHAVIOR

St. Olaf Faith Formation Program is committed to creating and maintaining an atmosphere of love, prayer and respect. In order to achieve that goal, we have basic behavior expectations. Parents and children are asked to sign this code of behavior. **We are asking parents and children to discuss why faith formation is important to your family and why parents send their children to faith formation classes.**

Some of the basic expectations include, **but are not limited to:**

- Respecting the prayerful atmosphere
- Respect of: Self, peers, catechists, aides, and other adults, children and youth
- Respect property of others and the church
- Respect the drop-off and pick-up rules
- Participation by listening, only one person talking at a time, and respecting the opinions of others especially if those opinions are different from your own
- NO CELL PHONES OR ELECTRONICS—NO cell phone calls, texting, or electronics of any type will be allowed! Cell phones and electronics will be collected at the beginning of every class. *(Please keep these items at home!--If a student needs to use a phone, they may ask for permission to use an office phone.)*

Discipline Procedures:

1. The catechist will ask the student to stop the unacceptable behavior.
2. If that behavior continues the student will be sent to the office of the DRE/CRE.
 - a. The DRE/CRE will discuss the situation with the student.
 - b. The DRE/CRE will determine if the student will return to class that day.

If the student returns to class that day, he/she will be escorted to class by the DRE/CRE and will apologize to the class and catechist.
3. If the student is sent to the office a second time (in the year), a conference will be arranged between the DRE/CRE, Catechist, Parents and Student. Following that conference one of the following consequences will be determined:
 - a. The student will be allowed to return to class with the parent also attending
 - b. The student will receive individual instruction
 - c. The student will be home schooled
 - d. Other

Please sign and return the bottom portion to: St. Olaf Faith Formation Office, 623 Jefferson St., DeForest 53532. ***Keep the top half of this form for your records. Thank you!***

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I have read the St. Olaf Code of Behavior and I agree to follow the Code of Behavior.

<i>Print parent name</i>	Parent signature	<i>date</i>
Print student name and grade	Student signature	date
Print student name and grade	Student signature	date
Print student name and grade	Student signature	date
Print student name and grade	Student signature	date

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2016-2017**

**PHOTOGRAPHY
OPT-OUT FORM**

*(Complete and return this form **ONLY** if you do **NOT** give permission for your child to appear in possible program publicity photos, including newspapers and postings on the website.)*

Classroom activities and events sometimes are photographed for purposes of news media coverage (newspaper, newsletters, website, brochure, etc.).

If you do NOT wish to have your child photographed for news media or publicity purposes, sign and return this form.

This will apply to the 2016-2017 St. Olaf Faith Formation Program. If at any time you wish to change your child's status, the form will be available at the Parish Center Office.

_____ **No Photo, No Name**

_____ **Photo, No Name**

Parent's or Guardian's signature

Date

(Please print)

Student's full name _____

Student's grade _____

Student's full name _____

Student's grade _____

Student's full name _____

Student's grade _____

Student's full name _____

Student's grade _____