

2010-2011 St. Lawrence Faith Formation (Rel Ed) REGISTRATION INFORMATION

*April is early registration month. \$75.00 per student (\$225.00/family max)
Beginning May 1, 2010 the fee is \$100.00 per student (\$300.00/family max)*

For your convenience and more efficient planning we encourage you to register by mail.
The Faith Formation registration, medical, media, safe environment releases and credit card payment authorization forms are available for download from the parish web site www.saintlaw.org (under Faith Formation) or from the St. Lawrence Faith Formation Office.

Mail registrations: Beginning April 1, return *completed* registration packets (registration form, releases required for each student and payment of fees by check or credit card) via the US Mail to the Faith Formation Office. Completed registrations will be accepted at the Faith Formation Office Monday--Friday, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. & 1-3 p.m. or you may put your registration in an envelope marked "Faith Formation Registration" and place it in the letter drop located under the reception window in the narthex any time the church is open.

Walk-in registration: is Sunday, April 18, 2010 from 6:15-7:30 pm to have an opportunity to register outside of regular office hours in DeSales Hall (room #212-214). You can also register during *regular* office hours at the window in the Office of Faith Formation. Registrations received after August 1 are not able to be processed in time for the first class.

Release forms are required by the archdiocese for the health and safety of our students:

- An Annual Medical Release for each student registered (black release form)
- A Media Release for each student not registered in 2009-10 (blue release form)
- A Safe Environment Release for each student not registered in 2009-10 or if returning students are moving up to kindergarten, 4th or 9th grade (red release form)

CLASS DAYS & TIMES

Youth Ministry (6-8th and 9-12th grades) will meet on Sundays, 6:15-7:30 p.m.

In addition, an optional Gospel study is offered for high school students that meets on Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30 p.m.

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**Parish School of Religion** (K-5<sup>th</sup> grades) may request  
Sundays, 6:15-7:30 pm or Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

PreK 3 (3 yrs old by Sept 1, 2010) & 4 yr olds meet Sundays during the 10 am Mass

Additional registration requirements:

- Families must be registered St. Lawrence parishioners to participate in Faith Formation (rel ed) programs and must register each year for themselves.
- We are not able to admit to First Holy Communion or Confirmation those who do not participate regularly in Sunday Mass and provide their student's baptism certificate.
- Incomplete registrations will delay placement and may be returned. Contact the Business Manager at 678-240-3068 before registering (or at "walk-in" registration) to discuss payment options if financial hardship is a concern.

For more information please phone the Faith Formation Office at 770-962-2765.

## Youth Ministry (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

The St. Lawrence Youth Ministry programs encompass the themes and components for a Comprehensive Youth Ministry program as outlined in *Renewing the Vision, A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry, as stated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*. The Youth Ministry programs meet on Sunday evenings following the 5pm mass.

High school teens meet most Sundays during the school year using the National Life Teen program. Life Teen provides resources and faith experiences that are then tailored to fit the needs of the teens we serve at St. Lawrence to lead them closer to Christ.

Confirmation is celebrated in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Archdiocesan guidelines require two years of preparation (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade) in a Youth Ministry program as well as attending the Confirmation retreat, held in the spring of 10<sup>th</sup> grade. *Students celebrating Confirmation during the 2010-11 program year will need to turn in a copy of that student's Baptism and First Communion certificates at the time of registration.*

Middle School youth also gather on Sundays using *The EDGE* --a Catholic centered youth ministry program aimed at younger adolescents. Early adolescence can be a very difficult and critical time in the young person's life. *The EDGE* is designed to meet the religious, educational, spiritual, and social needs of the middle school student. The large group youth ministry atmosphere of *The EDGE* creates an environment where the youth are part of a large faith community. The large group is then broken down into smaller grade level groups to develop relationships with each other and caring adults.

In addition to our Sunday night programs, we have widespread opportunities for our youth to continue to grow in their faith life with spiritual, educational, social, and service activities. These opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- The Fall Retreat (August 21-22, 2010) *High School*
- Wednesday night gospel study (6:15-7:30p.m.) *High School*
- Summer mission experience/Catholic Heart Work Camp-- *7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade*
- Night Shelter visits, Ski Trip, Six Flags, Bowling Lock-ins and Food drive.

## Parish School of Religion (PreK3 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

**PSR (Parish School of Religion)** is the Faith Formation program for students, baptized Catholic and 3 yrs old (by Sept 1, 2010) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The Archdiocese requires two years participation in a foundational, religious education program prior to the celebration of First Communion. This means preparation begins in first grade and First Communion is normally celebrated at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

**Exceptions:** Children who are unbaptized and are over the age of six and/or children who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and/or children who were baptized Catholic and did not receive First Communion in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

*These students will need to be registered for our initiation program (RCIA). For more information, contact Rita Schieber, RCIA Coordinator at 770/963-8992 x219.*

**Students celebrating First Eucharist during the 2010-2011 program year will need to turn in a recent copy of that child's Baptism certificate.** If your child will be celebrating First Eucharist during the 2010-2011 school year and you were not in the St. Lawrence PSR program last year you need to have a letter of verification of participation in a Catholic religious education program for the 2009-2010 school year.

### **PSR Class Assignments:**

- 1) We do not contact you with your child's class placement: it is your responsibility to check the class lists that will be posted in August at St. Lawrence and on the St. Lawrence web site <http://www.saintlaw.org>. Watch the parish bulletin for the date when they will be posted.
- 2) Catechists' students receive priority in placement. If we are unable to secure a catechist or a minimum enrollment for any class, we reserve the right to cancel that class.
- 3) Change requests for class day/time will be processed two weeks after classes start for available sessions. Requests must be done in writing (forms will be available in the religious education office and on the web site).
- 4) *All class placements are subject to catechist available.*