

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR 2022-23!



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION RENEWED



*We've made some big changes.
Join us on August 28th at SMV
from 12 - 2pm to see what's new!*

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?

- Monthly gatherings with the whole collaborative family
- New format: students receive age-appropriate instruction while adults receive instruction from Kathryn and Fr. Derda
- Parents are evangelized, catechized, encouraged, and equipped - this is key to the Household of God at home
- Improved sacramental preparation

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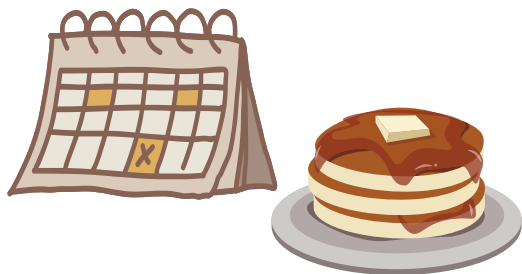
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what is the new schedule?

- Gathering begins at noon at each location (SMV or St. Stan's)
- After a meal, we will break into grade-level and adult/facilitator groups
- Separate instruction/activities for 45 minutes
- Gather in main area to reunite with parents and prayer
- We finish by 2:00!

when and where will we meet?



Monthly Gatherings:

- Aug 28 at SMV CC
- Sept 11 at St. Stan's Hall
- Oct 9 at SMV CC (Pancake Breakfast)
- Nov 20 at St. Stan's Hall
- Dec 11 at SMV CC (Pancake Breakfast)
- Jan 8 at SMV CC (Pancake Breakfast)
- Feb 5 at St. Stan's Hall
- Mar 12 at SMV CC (Pancake Breakfast)
- Apr 23 at St. Stan's Hall

In addition, families will gather with other families in a Household (as we did last year) at least ONCE per month to work on an activity. This is an opportunity for whole families - dad, mom, kids - to grow in faith together, beyond the parish.

what will it cost??

- **Households of God** is \$50 per parent and student (under 5 are free!) with a \$150 maximum per family, meal included!
- Catholic school children and their parents are FREE; \$50 for students in public school
- Donations to help offset the cost of food are welcome, and will be collected at each gathering



what about sacrament prep?

- **The Diocese of Kalamazoo requires two years of preparation for both First Holy Communion and Confirmation; sacrament families are required to attend our August 28 gathering.**
- **Additional Sacramental year fee is \$25; please complete a Sacramental Request Form IN ADDITION to registering for Households, so that the parish has all the necessary information.**
- Families of students preparing for sacraments will have some additional requirements:



First Holy Communion (April 30):

Households is required for those who are not enrolled in Catholic school; those who attend Catholic school are strongly encouraged to participate in Households, at the reduced rate. Sacramental Prep form required. All students are required to complete the First Communion packets and meet for the Saturday retreats and First Penance.



Confirmation (date TBA):

Confirmation Prep begins in 9th grade, and the Sacrament is received in 10th grade. Sacramental Prep form required both years. All requirements (retreats, gatherings, written submissions) will be included in the Confirmation packets.