



St. Bridget of Sweden
Lindstrom, MN

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Registration Letter



Dear Parents,

The birds have been delightfully singing a new song unto the Lord! It truly is a song of praise for all the wonderful things the Lord has done in this past year!

What a joy it has been to see your children and teens grow in faith in so many ways. How awesome to watch the children arrive each week and beautifully sign themselves with the cross. They touch the sacred Icons and then invoke God our Father, Jesus – his Son and the Holy Spirit. What a joy it was to share apples with them to remind them that JESUS is the great STAR at the center of their lives. Each week Ann makes sure the children visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and spend time in prayer there. Mary, our third grade catechist has been so faithful in having the children discover the beauty of the saints. She is so excited about her prayer space. I recently got lost in the beautiful garden our kindergartners created. They truly are discovering God as the Creator of all. Margaret helped the children create the beautiful Nativity garden. WOW! I wish I was able to see how everyone decorated their piece of tree trunk as the children approached Holy Week remembering Jesus death on the Cross. Our teens are studying how to connect faith and science, social justice principles with what is happening in the world. In their saints class they do things like eat like Mother Teresa eats as she ministers to the people of India. In their Jesus class they share different types of bread to really try to understand the words – “Jesus, bread of life.” The teens receive a Catholic Prayer Book.

Parents I applaud you for the many ways you work to help your children get to know who Jesus Christ is and how the Church is the heart of their lives. Thank-you for stepping forward to have your children registered in this past year. Now it is time to register them for next year. Spring has sprung. The song of the birds invites us to move forward again!

You can register for our St. Bridget of Sweden Faith Formation for 2023-2024 by going to the TADS link:

<https://mytads.com/a/stbridgetswedenfaithformation> [from last year]

If you register before June 30 there is an early bird special. You may also wish to be a catechist in our program. Please let us know as soon as possible. There is a discount for all catechists. \$75 off for Catechist and \$45 off for assistants. Please call or e-mail Theresa for K to 5 and 9th and 10th gr. and Joe for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade.

Here is a break down of fees for our programs:

Gr. K, 1, 3, 4, 5 \$95 discount (\$120 regular cost) Gr. 2 \$150 discount (\$175 regular cost)

Gr. 6 thru 8 \$125 discount (\$150 regular cost)

Gr. 9 and 10 \$150 discount (\$175 regular cost)

The maximum a family pays is \$375.

(Grade 2, 9 and 10 are charged abit more because of extra fees due to sacramental prep resources used at these levels)

We will have K thru 5 classes meeting at 4PM and 5:30PM times on Wednesday. If there are not three or more children registered for a class at the 5:30PM time we may not be able to hold the class.

6th thru 8th grade classes meet from 7PM to 8:15PM.

9th and 10th grade classes meet as three terms with 5 mini courses in each term from 7PM to 8:15PM.

Please know that we do not want cost to prohibit anyone from participating in our programs. If that should be a problem do not hesitate to ask for a scholarship and/or call Theresa immediately.

There are new songs to discover about God and one another, about creation and Sacraments, about faith stories, about new beginnings and new endings, about saints and new people who journey close to the Lord! There is new Grace and the Holy Spirit is waiting to be poured out upon us in new ways in a new year!

We give thanks that spring has sprung, many birds are filling our feeders, and sitting on our windowsills and coming near to us in our gardens and decks. They all carry God's message! God's love abounds! Let's help our children and youth to know God's tender, gracious love in another year of Faith Formation!

Listening to the Song of the Dove - the Holy Spirit,

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“Listen with the ear of the heart.” (St. Benedict)



