**Our Lady of Joy Catholic Parish**

Children Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Faith Formation department is preparing for another exciting year! It is our pleasure to serve you and your families. **Sessions begin the week of September 8th, 2014.**

Our Faith Formation department strives to be a “family-centered” ministry. We partner with parents to nourish and develop children’s faith according to the basic principle defined by the Church. Parents are the primary educators of their children. Our classroom volunteers work to support the efforts of parents, however, we do assume that parents are the primary educators in the faith as they teach both traditional prayers, the art of prayer, attend Mass every Sunday together as a family and lead their children in living a life of charity and love.

As you meet these God given obligations as parents, we will aid you in your mission of love. Our faith formation ministry offers a systematic and comprehensive intellectual and spiritual formation within the environment of community. This is an essential part of Christian discipleship. This is why we encourage continued participation in our parish formation programs even after children receive their sacraments of initiation. It is important that children and youth continue to grow in their knowledge of God and mature in their practice of the Christian faith.

Our formation programs begin in first grade and continue through twelfth grade. The high school youth group and elementary programs meet simultaneously on Monday nights. We also offer Wednesday afternoon elementary-only sessions as an alternative.

We are blessed with an incredible team of catechists and aides at *Our Lady of Joy Catholic Church*. These dedicated men and women love God and our Catholic faith and work diligently to share the truth, goodness, and beauty of Catholicism with your children through instruction, dialogue, activities and fellowship. In the elementary grades we are using “Alive in Christ” published by Our Sunday Visitor. Please visit www.aliveinchrist.osv.com often! In the high school program we utilize the Crossroads educational program published by YM Central.

If you think God is calling you to serve as a catechist (teacher of the faith), please contact Loreen or Carlos today! If you sign up to be a teacher or aide your child/children’s tuition is free.

Please look at our registration form and note that we offer two time slots for faith formation. Slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. There will be a parent meeting on the first week of classes during class time. It is very important that at least one parent/guardian attend.

Please also note that children to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion must attend *a minimum* of two full academic years of faith formation in order to be properly prepared.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself or Loreen Schuck, at 480-346-3046 or email her at** **lschuck@oloj.org****.**

Sincerely in Christ,

*Carlos Gonzales*

Director of Faith Formation

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**Our Lady of Joy Catholic Parish**

**Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation Registration**

**2014-2015**

**First –Eighth Grade**

**High School**

 **Parochial School Student? \_\_\_\_\_\_($40)**

**Family Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ New Address? Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_**

 **(As registered in our parish database)**

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 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Family E-mail\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (**must have email address**)

**Mother's Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency call:

 Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To complete your registration, please read and sign the following:

**I agree to support my child’s religious formation by:**

 **1. *Assuring my child is* on time *for class*.**

 **2. *Assuring my child’s* regular attendance *throughout the year*.**

 **3*.* Attending Mass *on Sundays (or Saturday evenings) and Holy Days with my child*.**

 **4. *Attending parent meetings as scheduled throughout the year*.**

 **5. *Supporting my child’s efforts on take-home projects.***

 ***6. Assuring my child knows the appropriate prayers & faith material for their faith formation assessments.***

 **7*. Assisting in my child’s/children’s class as necessary during the year****.*

**Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

**Payable to Our Lady of Joy Catholic Church (due at time of registration)**

**$75 per child ($40 High School Students) Date received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**$140 for 2 children**

**$200 for 3 or more Check #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parochial Student $40**

**PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM**

**CHILDREN TO BE ENROLLED**

 (September 2014 - May 2015)

**Full name of child** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_

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**For those receiving Sacraments:**

* **When submitting this registration form, please provide a *copy* of their Baptismal Certificate.**

***If your child was baptized at Our Lady of Joy it is not necessary to provide a copy.***

* **If your child/children attended religious education class prior to this year at another church, *other* than Our Lady of Joy, we need documentation from them stating so.**
* **There will be a parent meeting on the first week of classes during class time. It is important that at least one parent attend. Not applicable to parochial parents.**
* **Individual classes by grade level for grades 1-8 will meet in the Parish Hall.**
* **High School teens will meet in the Teen Center on Monday evenings.**
* **Please circle day and time requested.**

Parents are encouraged to register all of their children for classes on the same day and time.

**Wednesday**

Grades 1-6

**4:30pm – 5:45pm**

**Monday**

Grades 1-8

& High School Teens

**6:30pm – 7:45pm**

**Are you enrolling a child with special needs?** (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_