



*The Church of  
Saint Timothy*

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Dear 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

We are very excited for the start of the new Faith Formation year, 2020-21. Please look through all the bullet points below so that you are fully informed.

- The Faith Formation Open House/Registration Evening takes place on September 2<sup>nd</sup> (6-7pm at the School Gymnasium). Our catechists would love to meet and chat with their students for the year.
- Registration forms needed are...
  - Code of conduct 2020-21
  - Parent Participation Form
  - Mentor Participation Form
  - FF Registration Sheet
  - Service Hour Sheets (can be turned in at anytime – they must be completed one month prior to confirmation)
  - Pledge of commitment
  - Confirmation Registration form
  - Mentor Registration form
- The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechists are Joseph Ackerman with Keri Wurm and Liz Lind with Jill Gallagher. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade material this year is the Decision Point. Classes meet from 7pm-8:15pm at St. Timothy School.
- Important dates for the year are...
  - Our mandatory Parent/Mentor meeting will be held at 2 different times on September 17th. The options are 6:30-7:10pm & 7:30-8:10pm. Attend the meeting that best fits your schedule.
  - NET Retreat on currently set for September 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Church Basement
  - 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Overnight Retreat Feb 20/21 @ Camp Friendship
- Lastly, if you are unable to make the Open House please turn your registration forms into the Parish Office prior to September 2<sup>nd</sup>. A late fee of \$10 must accompany forms turned in after September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Yours in Christ,  
Through Mary

Andrew Zeisel  
Director of Faith Formation

## ST. TIMOTHY'S FAITH FORMATION CODE OF CONDUCT

Catechists of Faith Formation perform an invaluable service to the parents of St. Timothy's Parish. They have a time-consuming and challenging job, as you can well imagine. They need to cover volumes of material in just one hour a week and it's often frustrating. Your responsibility as non-teaching parents is to deliver and pick up your teenager on time, to discuss with them the content covered in class, and to assure teachers of his/her consistent, appropriate behavior.

Even though infrequent, any serious attitude/discipline problems make it necessary - for the success of our program - that all parents and their students sign a behavior contract that will be strictly enforced. Every young person in religious education is entitled to a full hour of quality instruction in a supportive, safe environment.

Our policy states that: **when the adult leader considers a student's behavior to be consistently off task, inappropriate or disrespectful, that student will receive one verbal warning. Any subsequent problem will be reported to the director of religious education. Parents will be contacted before the next class period to choose one of two options:**

- A. Parents will receive leader guides and training to home school their student. A follow-up quiz will be given by the Director of Faith Formation
- B. Parents will accompany their student to his/her class to assist with instruction and behavior.

**If the behavior is severe there will be no other warnings and appropriate action will happen that night when the parent picks the student up.**

**Parent or Guardian:** I agree that my young person shall abide by the contract outlined above. I have reviewed it and discussed the contract with my child prior to signing this form. I agree that if my child fails to consistently abide by the code or engages in a serious infraction of the code, I will be notified immediately to choose from the options listed above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Participant:** I understand and agree to the **St. Timothy's Faith Formation Behavior Contract**. I also understand that my parents(s) or guardian will be notified at the time of any infraction following one verbal warning. (Your signature must appear below in order to participate in St. Timothy's Faith Formation Program.)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### FAITH FORMATION PARENT VOLUNTEERING

Please consider volunteering with our FF Program. We need substitute catechists, catechist aides, office staff substitutes and assistance with Retreats. If you choose to be a catechist or aide you receive discounted tuition. Contact Andrew if interested.

# Mentor Assist List Grade 9

## First Semester

I will attend and assist with large group on the following dates

### First Semester

- September 16<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> NET RETREAT
- September 30<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- October 7<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- October 21<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- October 28<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- November 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- November 11<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- November 18<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- December 9<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- December 16<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend and assist with large group on the following dates

### Second Semester

- January 6<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- January 13<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- January 20<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- January 27<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- February 10<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- February 24<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- March 10<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- March 17<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- March 31<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- April 7<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- April 14<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- April 21<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- April 28<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*Important:** - Please change with someone or find a substitute if you are unable to attend. Adult leaders are depending on your help.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

# Parent Assist List Grade 9

## First Semester

I will attend and assist with large group on the following dates

### First Semester

September 16<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> NET RETREAT  
September 30<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
October 7<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
October 21<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
October 28<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
November 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
November 11<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
November 18<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
December 9<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
December 16<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend and assist with large group on the following dates

### Second Semester

January 6<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
January 13<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
January 20<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
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March 17<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
March 31<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
April 7<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
April 14<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
April 21<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
April 28<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*Important:** - Please change with someone or find a substitute if you are unable to attend. Adult leaders are depending on your help.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

# Pledge of Commitment

Understanding that I am still in the decision-making process about whether or not to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, I do choose to commit myself to the confirmation program. In doing so:

- I promise to attend each session and participate in the activities, discussions, and assignments.
- I promise to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days.
- I promise to participate in the worship, service and social events of my parish.
- I promise to pray daily for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in my preparation for confirmation.
- I promise to develop my personal morality based on the will of God expressed through the teachings of the church, the scriptures and the commandments and to celebrate frequently the sacrament of reconciliation.
- I promise to use my talents in the service of others, especially as outlined by the service requirements of the program.
- I promise to attend and participate in the confirmation retreat.
- I promise to meet regularly with my adult mentor.

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Candidate's Signature

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Parent's Signature

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Date

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# CONFIRMATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

**Candidate's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone/Cell Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Baptism:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church**

**Date**

**First Eucharist:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church**

**Date**

**First Reconciliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church**

**Date**

## MENTOR REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship with Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Come Holy Spirit*

A mentor is someone that is in full communion with the Catholic Church and actively lives the faith.

They are also a person that either has or could develop a relationship with their candidate.

They should be willing to meet with the candidate 5-6 times a semester until confirmation.

They should be able to make several Masses at St. Timothy during the 2 year confirmation program.

They should be able to make Confirmation Mass at the Basilica at the conclusion of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

The goal of the mentor program is to provide our candidates with another positive catholic voice and example in their life, with whom they can establish a solid relationship or further one.

**FAITH FORMATION  
PARENT SIGN-UP  
GRADE K - 10**

	Name	phone #	e-mail
1. Substitute	_____	_____	_____
2. Be a teacher aide in the classroom	_____	_____	_____
3. Provide clerical help to the staff	_____	_____	_____
4. Babysit for teachers	_____	_____	_____
5. Pray for our students, teachers & aides	_____	_____	_____
6. Assist with Retreats	_____	_____	_____
7. Be a driver for youth events	_____	_____	_____
8. Be involved with fundraising	_____	_____	_____
9. Be involved with fun Outings with Youth Ministry like (ski trip)	_____	_____	_____

Student published information includes, but is not limited to, photos and names of students who have received awards and participated in classroom and co-curricular activities. These may be published in local newspapers; website for St. Timothy's Catholic Church and appears internally within the church on bulletin boards and other recognition showcases. If you do not want your child's name or photo to be used for these purposes, please contact Andrew Zeisel at 320-963-3726 ext. 7 or [azeisel@churchofsttimothy.org](mailto:azeisel@churchofsttimothy.org)

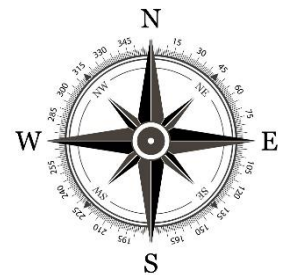


10<sup>th</sup> Grade Entrance

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Entrance

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Entrance

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Entrance



- 1) Covid-19 will affect Faith Formation in the following ways (until noted otherwise)
  - a. The program will start at 4:30.
  - b. Students are not to be arrive before 4:25. If they do, they will need to join Saints Club (after school care) for a fee.
  - c. Students are to stay with their parents in their cars until 4:25. They can then make their way to their classroom.
  - d. **PICK-UP WILL BE DIFFERENT AS WELL**
    - i. Parents are to come to the exterior classroom door of their child. The child will then be released from the classroom.
    - ii. As before we can not send children out into the parking lot on their own
- 2) Homeschooling is an option that can be handled on a family by family basis.