

Welcome to Family Faith Formation at Corpus Christi Church!

***Classes begin Sept. 8th at 9:30 a.m. Please join Fr. Leo, Lori Arnold and the catechists as we kick off the year with a gathering in the gym. There will be coffee, hospitality and a chance to see old friends and meet some new ones before heading up to the classrooms for the first session.***

Please read and complete all the required forms included in this packet and submit them along with a check to the parish office. The forms that need to be returned are:

- ❖ Registration Form (2 pages)
- ❖ Safe Environment letter (1 page) and
- ❖ Medical Waiver (**1 for each child.**)
- ❖ Copy of Baptismal Certificate if not baptized at Corpus Christi

**Our classes will meet Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. in the school classrooms. Families are encouraged to attend mass together either before or after class. As Catholic Christians, we live out our faith in the context of community so experiencing the liturgy is so essential! Again this year we will have four whole family sessions where parents will join their children for some fun and enriching activities. Also, for those children in 2nd and 4th grades preparing to receive the sacraments of First Communion and First Reconciliation, we have planned some sessions that parents are required to attend with their children.**

All dates and details can be found on the Family Faith Formation calendar. Please reach out to Lori Arnold with any questions. (corpuschristisundayschool@gmail.com.)

**Important safety reminders:**

- ❖ **Classes start promptly at 9:30 and end at 10:15 a.m.**
- ❖ **Parents MUST accompany children to their classrooms. Dropping off in the parking lot is not acceptable.**
- ❖ **All children must be signed in and out by a parent.**
- ❖ **Please contact Lori if you have any questions or concerns about these policies.**
- ❖ **Emergency phone number: Lori's cell phone (510) 207-4822**

The Corpus Christi family supports you as parents as you accompany your children on their faith journeys, and strengthen your own!

Many blessings,

Lori Arnold, Family Faith Formation Director

Please complete and return registration, safe environment letter, medical waiver & check.

Emergency Contact	Phone #
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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/Ck # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## CORPUS CHRISTI FAMILY FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2019 - 2020

*\*Please submit copy of baptismal certificate, if not baptized at Corpus Christi*

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Child's First	Middle	Last
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Male/Female		
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Gender	School	Grade
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City and State of Birth	DOB
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City and State of Baptism*	Date of Baptism
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Are there any medical conditions, restrictions or allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

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## SAFE ENVIRONMENT LETTER

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You may be aware of the past abuses many of our brothers and sisters have endured at the hands of our clergy and Diocesan employees. I want you to know that your children's safety is a top priority here at Corpus Christi. All of our staff, volunteers, and ministry members are screened and educated on child abuse.

The Diocese of Oakland has implemented a child abuse awareness, prevention and safety program in all parishes and Catholic schools as mandated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The curriculum is designed to take ten hours but we have less than twenty scheduled hours with your children. In addition, most of the volunteer Family Faith Formation teachers are simply not comfortable nor qualified to teach sex abuse awareness during Family Faith Formation. I have made the decision that we cannot effectively use the Family Faith Formation setting to teach the Diocesan safe environment curriculum and teach your children the catechism of our Church of which is the core purpose of our program. For these reasons, Corpus Christi Family Faith Formation will not include the child abuse awareness, prevention and safety program as part of the Family Faith Formation curriculum.

Rather than use Family Faith Formation time to implement the Diocesan requirement for the Safe Environment Program, I am asking that you, as parents, educate your children about personal safety. There are many programs and information on addressing this topic as well as curriculum available from the Diocese of Oakland. If you would like to have access to this curriculum, please contact Lori Arnold. I have also included the Diocesan learning objectives to help guide you. (For more information refer to: <http://oakdiocese.org/safe/safeindex.htm>)

### **Grades K-3**

- To raise children's awareness that they are valued by God.
- To raise children's awareness around the issue of child safety and child abuse.
- To empower children so that they may feel comfortable saying "no" in a potentially abusive situation.
- To help children understand child sexual abuse.
- To help children identify trusted adults they can go to disclose situation in their lives than make them feel unsafe.

### **Grades 4-6**

- To promote knowledge about body integrity.
- To raise awareness that all human beings, male and female, are created in the image and likeness of God.
- To present the concept that some touching is not appropriate.
- To help children understand child sexual abuse.
- To empower children so that they may feel comfortable saying "no" in a potentially abusive situation.
- To expand children's image of God to include the image of God as a source of comfort.
- To help children identify trusted adults they can go to disclose situations in their lives that make them feel unsafe.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT LETTER SIGNATURE PAGE

(Please sign and return with Registration Form to the Parish office  
Attn: Lori Arnold, Family Faith Formation Director.)

As parents, we understand the need for teaching our children about personal safety and child abuse. We understand and agree that Corpus Christi Family Faith Formation will not include the Safe Environment curriculum as part of the program.

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_date\_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name\_\_\_\_\_grade\_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name\_\_\_\_\_grade\_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name\_\_\_\_\_grade\_\_\_\_\_

## Corpus Christi Family Faith Formation Medical Waiver 2019 - 2020

I/We, the parents (guardian) of the below named child, hereby give permission for his/her participation in any and all Family Faith Formation activities. I/We agree to direct my/our child to cooperate with directions and instructions of Family Faith Formation personnel. Family Faith Formation takes place at Corpus Christi School on scheduled Sundays from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. and other specific dates.

I/We agree in the event that my child is injured as a result of participation in Family Faith Formation activities, including transportation, whether or not caused by negligence of the Family Faith Formation program or any of its agents or employees, recourse for the payment of any resulting hospital, medical, or related costs and expenses will first be had against any accident, hospital or medical insurance, or any available benefit of mine/ours.

In the event that I/we cannot be reached in any emergency, Lori Arnold, or other representatives of Corpus Christi is authorized to seek medical treatment considered necessary by attending physicians for my/our child:

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CHILD'S NAME	GRADE
BEST PHONE # _____	
Family Name _____	Date _____
Parent Signature _____	
Family Physician Phone _____	
Medical Plan ID # _____	
Any medical conditions that we should be aware of? _____	
Any restrictions of activities for medical reasons? _____	
Any allergy to food, animals, or medication? _____	

### PLEASE FILL OUT ONE WAIVER PER CHILD

In the event of an emergency, each classroom must have a signed waiver on hand for every child.

#### PHOTO RELEASE FORM

During your child's attendance in Family Faith Formation, s/he may participate in an activity that is being photographed or videotaped. Corpus Christi Church will never publish a child's name with any of its publications. By signing this form, I give Corpus Christi Church permission to photograph my child and use his or her picture solely for the church's website.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_