

**St. Mary of Nazareth  
Faith Formation & SMART Youth Group  
4600 Meredith Drive  
Des Moines, Iowa 50310  
515-276-7589**

May 2018

It is time to register for Faith Formation & SMART Youth Group for the school term, 2018-19. Enclosed is one registration form for your family. Please fill it out and return by June 14, 2018.

On the registration form, please indicate which session you prefer your children to be placed in. Your choices are:

- Wednesday: 5:30pm to 6:30pm will have space for students in grades K - 8
- Wednesday: 7:00pm to 8:00pm will have space for students in grades 1 – 8
- Wednesday: 7:00pm to 8:45pm SMART Youth Group for grades 9 – 12

Classes fill quickly. If there is a particular session that you want your kids in, make sure to register WITH payment immediately. If we cannot accommodate your child at a certain session, you will be placed on a waitlist. Waitlists will be cleared on a first come-first serve basis. Please contact Bridget Brass at [bridgetb@stmarydsm.org](mailto:bridgetb@stmarydsm.org) or 515-276-7589 with questions.

**FIRST GRADE STUDENTS:**

If you have a child entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade, make sure you register them. Without 1<sup>st</sup> grade prep, your child will not be able to make their First Reconciliation & First Communion in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Enclosed is one registration form for your family. Please fill it out and return by June 14, 2018.

**CONFIRMATION PREP:**

Confirmation Prep is a **two year commitment** beginning in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Students who will be in 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2018, will be expected to register AND attend 8<sup>th</sup> grade class each week on Wednesday nights. You will receive a letter in August 2018 explaining the Confirmation process. There will be a mandatory parent & student meeting the first night of Faith Formation class in September.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Prep – mandatory prep classes meet on Sunday evenings. Students NEED to register for Confirmation Prep. Confirmation Mass takes place fall of 10<sup>th</sup> grade year.**

**2018-2019**

**ONE** Student is \$75.00 \*\* **TWO** Students are \$100.00\*\* **THREE OR MORE** is \$125.00  
**\$25.00 per family LATE FEE if registration and check are received after June 15, 2018**

**PLEASE TURN OVER**

Our Faith Formation & Youth Group programs rely solely on volunteers. If you decide to be a catechist, classroom assistant, or on the Youth Group Core Team, the registration fee is waived. **You can volunteer at any session, and your child will be placed in that session.** VIRTUS training is required – you must be registered to take VIRTUS training or have completed VIRTUS training before the first class session. VIRTUS training can be completed online in approx. 45 minutes.

Please print your email address clearly on the registration form. The Faith Formation office has gone “paperless” and we MUST have an email on file for all announcements!

Please complete the registration form. You may mail the form with your payment –OR- drop it off at the parish office – OR- drop in the collection basket at Mass. If you drop it off or put it in the collection basket, please put the registration form and the check in an envelope with “Faith Formation” written on it. Mailing address is: St. Mary of Nazareth – Attn: Faith Formation – 4600 Meredith Drive – Des Moines, Iowa 50310.

**Registrations will be confirmed and finalized in late August – early September. Please be advised: once all registrations have been received, classes and session times may fluctuate based on student need. If your family is affected, we will contact you.**

Contact Bridget Brass in the Faith Formation office with questions, concerns or special requests at 515-276-7589 or [bridgetb@stmarydsm.org](mailto:bridgetb@stmarydsm.org). SMART Youth Group questions, please contact Brody McCarthy at 515-251-7568 or [brodym@stmarydsm.org](mailto:brodym@stmarydsm.org).

**Important Note:**

If you have received this letter and are no longer a member of St. Mary of Nazareth please let us know and we will unregister your family, Simply contact Bridget Brass at [bridgetb@stmarydsm.org](mailto:bridgetb@stmarydsm.org) or 515-276-7589 to do this!

Thank you,

Deb Richards  
Director – Faith Formation

Brody McCarthy  
Director – Youth Ministry

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