



Dear St. Raphael Families,

Greetings in Christ Jesus! As fall is fast approaching, I wanted to give you all details regarding this year's Family Faith Formation Program. This program is called "Ignite" because we hope to trigger a spark in families to dive deeply into the beauty of our Catholic faith. On one Sunday each month from 2:00-4:00 PM, parents and their children in grades 1-7 will come to Ignite, which will be hosted in Marian Hall. An Ignite session will consist of a large group overview of the monthly topic, grade level activities and teaching, parent session, and prayer. I pray that you consider joining us this year as our faith is being tested in ways we haven't seen before. Things that used to take up all of our time are cancelled and leaving a lot of us with a void. This void can be filled with the love of our Lord if we open up our hearts and let him in. Ignite will be a great opportunity for you and your children to do this!

Registration: Please visit this link to fill out your registration:

<https://forms.gle/ec4TTdHRP94iXVnj7> . This link can also be found on the church website under the ministries tab. It is important to fill out this form whether you have new or returning students. Also, please be sure to include information concerning any special needs your child has such as allergies, physical limitations, or learning disabilities. Forms are **due on Wednesday, September 16th** . You can also request a hard copy of the form by emailing me at: faithformation@straphaelcrystal.org .

Covid-19 Notes: Current plan is to meet in person, with the following policies and procedures as directed by the Archdiocese.

- Proper distancing and masking as directed by the Archbishop
- Rooms will be sanitized before every use
- Students will not share any items (we will have enough supplies that each child will always use their own)
- All teachers will be using face masks or face shields while teaching
- Children and Adults should bring their own water. No fountains available at the church
- If you, your child, or anyone in your home has any sickness (even if you think it's allergies), please stay home.
- If you or your child experience symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive, it is required that you inform me.

Schedules: You will see all of the dates and topics for each month on the *Ignite Schedule* . The *Sacramental Preparation Schedule* is **ONLY** for students who will be preparing for First Reconciliation/First Communion.

Our Faith Formation year begins with our Opening Mass on **Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 PM** . This Mass is for students in grades 1-8 and their families. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for your desire to teach your children about our Catholic faith!

Peace in Christ,

Josh Stegman
Family Discipleship Coordinator