

August 30, 2024

Hello St. Mary's Viroqua and Coon Valley Parents,

I would like to invite all of you to a Religious Education (RE) informational session on Sunday, September 8th in Viroqua after the 10:30 am Mass. Father Joe will introduce Pat Obernberger (the new Coordinator of Ongoing formation), the instructors for the Pre-K RE program, the Confirmation program and myself (I help with our Family of Faith RE program). After introductions, we will have Teresa Brown from the Diocese provide students and parents with safe environment training.

Father and I will then give an overview of the Family of Faith RE program that we will be doing for the 2024-25 school year. This program is geared towards children from kindergarten to middle school aged. The program is also adaptable to include younger and older children. This year's "theme" will be the Sacraments. Same as last year, we will have a "Parent Meeting" on the first Sunday of the month in Viroqua after the 10:30 am Mass. New for Viroqua families will be an added "Community Activity" which will typically be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month in Coon Valley after the 8 am Mass. I have attached a schedule for the year that lists the dates and locations for both. Father and I will go over what a typical month would look like in the program and will save some time at the end for questions.

On our website you will also find the registration form and the schedule. We will have paper copies for you to fill out at the informational meeting on the 8th. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please fill out the form and either email back to me or drop off at your parish. One form per family. There is also a spot on the form to indicate if you have a child who will be participating in Sacramental prep this year such as Confirmation or First Communion.

If you are unable to make it to the informational session, Teresa Brown will also be at the first Community Activity in Coon Valley on October 20th after the 8 am Mass to provide safe environment training to those who have not completed it.

Please feel free to reach out to myself (my email is: bladams50@gmail.com) or Pat Obernberger (stmaryformation@mwt.net) if you have any questions. Thank you!

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