



August 1, AD 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in our Sunday morning Christian Formation program for the 2018-19 school year. Classes **start August 26th**. We will meet in **the St. Mary's School buildings from 9:45-10:45 AM**. I am excited to let you know that starting in October this year we will be adding a monthly parent catechesis during class time; more information will be provided on the first day of school. On other weeks, parents are invited to join the Sunday Café which meets at the same time in Mother Teresa Hall.

We believe that you, the parents, are the primary teachers of your children, and the Christian Formation classes should complement what is taught in the home. Parents should review with their children the material that is covered each week. Your children's faith will be strengthened by conversations about the faith and about how the Lord is working in your lives. Parent resources and ideas for sharing the faith in the home will be sent home with your children throughout the year. The parish offers faith events throughout the year, especially around the Advent and Lent liturgical seasons; please read the bulletin weekly to keep abreast of these enjoyable and faith-enriching events.

Most importantly, it is vital that you take your children to Mass weekly and to confession regularly. Even if they have not yet received first confession, seeing you go to confession is a wonderful example for young children.

St. Mary's Sacramental Policy: In order to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation, children must attend, at the very minimum, TWO FULL YEARS of Christian Formation classes. Students who miss classes regularly will not be considered to have attended a FULL YEAR and may have the sacrament reception delayed. This policy is intended to ensure that your child has the best sacramental formation possible.

All registration forms can be found on the parish website <http://www.stmarys-aiken.org/ccd>

Please note that different forms are used for 4K – 5th grade and 6th -12th grade.

Forms can be returned to the parish office, put it in a clearly marked envelope and placed in the Sunday basket, or mailed to St. Mary Help of Christians, PO Box 438, Aiken, SC 29802.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

God bless you,

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Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children.

Please put these fun family activities on your calendar!

Friday September 14 at Angela Hall 7:00 pm

Back to School PJ Anderson Concert St.

Friday October 26 at Fairfield Street 6:00 pm

Trunk or Treat

Friday November 16 school Cafeteria 6:30 pm

Friday Family Fun Night

Friday December 7 school Cafeteria 6:30 pm

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