



2009-2010 *Child/Youth* Faith Formation Registration

ALL INFORMATION HELD IN CONFIDENCE.

Father's Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Mother's Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Email: _____

***Faith Formation Registration \$40 per child.**
After September 1, 2009 - Registration Fee \$50 per child.

Every Monday (Sept.-May), I would like to receive the weekly "Nativity News" by email. Yes
 You can use email for other church communications. Yes

Child/Youth Faith Formation

1. Pre-school/Kindergarten (ages 4 & 5) 2. Elementary (Grades 1-6) 3. Junior High (Grades 7 & 8) 4. Senior High (Grades 9-12)

***Complete description of programs on back of this page...

How will I help this year?

_____ Team Catechist

_____ Classroom Aide

_____ Special Events

* Fees help provide teaching and activity material, books, videos, guest speakers, trained full time staff, hospitality and help to heat, light and maintain our building.

CHILD INFO	First Name	Last Name	Sex (M/F)	Birth Date (m/d/y)	Age	Grade (2009-2010)	List any Allergies, Special Needs, or Medical Conditions	Sacraments already received
Child #1								<input type="checkbox"/> Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Reconciliation <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Eucharist <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation
Child #2								<input type="checkbox"/> Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Reconciliation <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Eucharist <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation
Child #3								<input type="checkbox"/> Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Reconciliation <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Eucharist <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation

I do not wish to have my child photographed for Faith Formation promotional purposes.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION TO BE CONSIDERED REGISTERED. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE.

Make checks payable to: Nativity Church

Mail to: 1825 11th St S, Fargo, ND 58103

Return by September 1, 2009 (After September 1, registration fee \$50 per child)

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Entered: _____ Amount Paid: _____ Check#: _____ Cash: _____ ACS: _____

Child/Youth Faith Formation Programs

1. Preschool/Kindergarten (ages 4, 5)

Three Sundays a month, 10:45-11:45 am, beginning October 11, 2009

Nativity School Classrooms

To support the parents, Nativity Church offers "Little Church"; a Sunday morning "**Parent Partnership**" Pre-school/Kindergarten Program. Children must be 4 years old by October 1st to enter the Preschool Sunday Program.

The aim of faith formation is nurturing the faith of a child so that it can grow. At no age is this growth process more important and more delicate to achieve than on the pre-school level. Psychologists emphasize the importance of these tender years in shaping the personality of the person. What is true in personality development is also true in shaping Christian faith. **Christian parents, therefore, have a direct responsibility for the religious formation and growth of faith in their children. They are the first teachers; the home is the first classroom.**

"Parent Partnership" means that the *parents come and help the lead catechist (teacher) in teaching our littlest children*. We want to make this teaching time a relaxed and fun morning. This takes teamwork! The lead catechist (teacher) will prepare the lesson and have all of the materials ready to go. Parents are assigned a classroom and work with a small group of children to carry out the plan. Parents are never alone and are considered part of the Sunday Morning "Little Church Team". Please plan on becoming a Parent Helper this year. Our children need YOU!

2. Elementary Program (Grades 1-6)

Three Wednesdays a month, 6:30-7:30 pm, beginning September 23, 2009

Nativity Church and School Classrooms

Faith Formation is lifelong, a continuing process which takes place in a community of believers. For the child, *this first community is his/her family*. The child absorbs the culture and the faith of the family; he shares in his/her family's world vision and values. In short, a Christian family's way of life should naturally relate daily events to the Gospel brought to us by Jesus Christ.

The most important contribution of parents to the faith formation of their children lies in their Christian witness. The Faith Formation process at Nativity believes strongly in Parent Partnership. Parents begin each session in song, and prayer with their child in church and, at least one night per month, attend class sessions with their child.

3. Youth Ministry —W.O.W. (Grades 7 & 8)

Three Wednesdays a month, 6:30 -7:30 pm, beginning September 23, 2009

Nativity Youth Room

"W.O.W: Wired on Wednesdays" is meant to keep youth connected to the parish family. This is an opportunity for youth to gather together with friends to talk about how Christ might expect them to respond to their life situations. Putting this into action probably will mean doing service. As disciples of Jesus Christ we are to take his lead to heart and **"Go....make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19**

4. Youth Ministry—LinC (Grades 9-12)

Three Wednesdays a month, 7:45-9:00 pm, beginning September 23, 2009

Nativity Youth Room

"LinC; Life in Christ" is designed to focus on relationships of family, friends, and faith. LinC is not an activity or a youth night. LinC is a family, with each member playing an important role in the family. It is not just a night to go to; it is a group to belong to. LinC attempts to bring teens to full, conscious, and active participation in their church through ministry, service and outreach, and living the Gospel.