



God is Good! All the Time!

August, 2017

WELCOME Parents and Students to the Special Needs Faith Formation Class 2017-2018 here at Santa Maria del Mar Catholic Church. I am so excited to welcome your special needs child into the 2017-18 Faith Formation Program. It is going to be a fun filled and educational year that your child will enjoy and want to participate in. We will prepare each student for the reception of the Sacraments, and through continuing religious education and prepare them to take an active role in the Church community. If you still need to register your child (7 years and older), forms are available in the gathering area, and you can register online at www.smdmcc.org.

Included in this letter you will find

The schedule for your child's program

An opt-out form for our mandatory class on Touching Safety

We will host a "Meet and Greet Orientation" on September 10, 2017 for all our programs. We will meet in the Parish Hall after all the Sunday masses. This is a great opportunity to meet, asks questions, pay your fees, pick up your class materials and learn about all we have to offer our youth at Santa Maria del Mar. September 17, 2017 is our opening day, please bring your calendars because after the 9 am Mass, we will have a parent's meeting in the church to go over the Faith Formation Calendar, our Parent Handbook and have you "Save the Dates" for our special events of the 2017-18 school year. We want all families to know how much you and your children are loved and supported by our Santa Maria del Mar Church Family.

This year, our opening day of classes coincides with our Parish Carnival. Please plan to attend as our Carnival team has decided to open the lunch early at 11:30 am for all of our Faith Formation families. Rides will begin at 1:00 pm so you may want to bring a change of clothes for after class. This is our opening of the school year party! It should be so much fun. Bring all your family and friends.

Please read the enclosed letter on Touching Safety. This is a mandatory class provided by our Diocese to help ensure your child's safety. You have the opportunity to "opt out" and must turn in the form enclosed by your letter's deadline. I am looking forward to a great year with your children. God bless and if you have any questions, please call the office at (386) 439-2791.

Yours in Christ,

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