

# SPIRES OF FAITH SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 2017

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### WHAT IS IT?

- Alternative to the weekly, Wednesday night Faith Formation program @ D
- For 1-8 grade students in the Cluster

### WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

- 8 hour school days are already long
- Sports & activities happen on school nights
- Students are side tracked with homework & fatigue
- Other parishes have found that the summer program is effective!

### WHEN IS IT?

- June 19-30, 2017 @ Xavier School
- 8:00AM-12:00PM

## SCHEDULING

### DAILY SCHEDULE

- 8:00-8:05AM Attendance
- 8:05-8:30AM Prayer Service
- 8:30-10:00AM Classes
- 10:00-10:40AM Recess & Snack
- 10:40-11:55AM Classes
- 12:00PM Dismissal

Music/Gym/Stations of the Cross– 25 minutes incorporated into each day

### SCHEDULE DETAILS

- Mass will take the place of the prayer service each Friday morning
- Reconciliation will be offered once during the two weeks
- Music and gym will alternate each day M-TH.
  - Students will pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays

EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

Gr.	Attendance	Prayer Service	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5	Block 6	Block 7	Block 8
	8:00-8:05AM	8:05-8:30AM	8:30-8:55AM	8:55-9:20AM	9:20-9:45AM	9:45-10:10AM	10:10-10:40AM	10:40-11:05AM	11:05-11:30AM	11:30-11:55AM
1st	Attendance	Prayer Service	Class	Class	Music M, W Gym T, TH Stations F	Class	Recess First Snack Second	Class	Class	Class
2nd	Attendance	Prayer Service	Class	Music M, W Gym T, TH Stations F	Class	Class	Recess First Snack Second	Class	Class	Class
3rd	Attendance	Prayer Service	Music M, W Gym T, TH Stations F	Class	Class	Class	Recess First Snack Second	Class	Class	Class
4th	Attendance	Prayer Service	Class	Class	Class	Music M, W Gym T, TH Stations F	Recess First Snack Second	Class	Class	Class
5th	Attendance	Prayer Service	Class	Class	Class	Class	Snack First Recess Second	Class	Class	Music M, W Gym T, TH Stations F
6th	Attendance	Prayer Service	Class	Class	Class	Class	Snack First Recess Second	Class	Class	Music M, W Gym T, TH Stations F
7th	Attendance	Prayer Service	Music M, W Gym T, TH Stations F	Class	Class	Class	Snack First Recess Second	Class	Class	Class
8th	Attendance	Prayer Service	Class	Class	Class	Music M, W Gym T, TH Stations F	Snack First Recess Second	Class	Class	Class

## CURRICULUM

### FIRST-EIGHTH GRADE

- Taught by certified teachers from area schools
- Sadlier “We Believe” curriculum
  - Same program we use on Wednesday nights
- Prayers
  - The list of prayers we go through in each grade will be sent home with each parent during the summer program.
  - These should be incorporated into family life throughout the year so they learn them!
    - Ex: Pick one prayer a month to say before meals or before bed.

### MONTHLY SESSIONS THROUGHOUT YEAR

- 6 formational sessions will be offered throughout the year @ Xavier School
  - September, October, November, January, February, and March
  - All parents will be invited– FF, Xavier, Beckman, Hennessey, etc.
- Each session will be offered twice each month
  - Once on a Wednesday night, once on a Sunday afternoon
- Parents and children are strongly encouraged to attend
  - Parents will be formed in Auditorium
  - Children will go into classrooms to learn about topic at their level
- Topics
  - These sessions will teach you what you want to know!
  - Email Chelsea if you have topic ideas/suggestions!
  - Ex: Church tour, walk through of the Mass, praying at home, etc.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

- First Reconciliation
  - Retreat in Fall
  - Workbooks
    - Parents/students will be assigned sections. Turn in assignments at monthly sessions
- First Communion
  - Retreat after Christmas
  - Workbooks
    - Parents/students will be assigned sections. Turn in assignments at monthly sessions
- Confirmation
  - Attend monthly sessions throughout year
  - Retreat in Spring

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSIONS

- Wednesday night sessions will still be offered in Earlville
  - Grades 1-6: 5:45-7:00 p.m.
  - Grades 7-12: 7:15-8:30 p.m.

## NINTH AND TENTH GRADE

- Will continue to meet on Wednesday nights at Dyersville and Earlville
  - Will meet from 6:45-8:00PM @ D; 7:15-8:30 @ E
  - If you have children attending the program at Earlville, the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders can attend there too

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

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- Online registration will open May 1<sup>st</sup>

### TUITION

- Tuition for the summer program will remain the same as it has been at the Dyersville site
  - First & Second Child: \$145
  - Third Child: \$140
  - Fourth Child: \$125
  - Fifth+ Child: \$115

## HELP NEEDED

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Donations for snacks/drinks for each day
- Teacher Aides in each classroom
- Sign-ups for these volunteer opportunities will be sent out in the coming months.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **WHY IS THE SUMMER PROGRAM NOT OFFERED FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE?**

The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum is called “YDisciple.” This program is based on small group facilitation and relationship development. The program we use challenges students to grow in their faith by setting goals for themselves on a weekly basis. This program would not work as a two week program. It is best implemented throughout the year. As mentioned at the parent meetings, we will reevaluate this next year. If we find that including 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the summer program is best, we will make necessary changes.

### **WHAT IF WE HAVE A CONFLICT WITH THE SUMMER PROGRAM DATES AND WEDNESDAYS REALLY AREN'T GOOD FOR MY FAMILY? DO I HAVE OTHER OPTIONS?**

Yes! If your family has already committed to something during June 19-30, and you cannot make it to the Wednesday night sessions in Earlville throughout the year, you have other options to choose from! We are working with the St. Elizabeth Pastorate (the parishes in Farley, Epworth, Peosta, Bankston and Placid) to offer numerous opportunities for our parishioners to attend a summer program. They are offering two summer faith formation programs in Peosta: June 12-20 and July 10-20. If your family would like to register for either of these weeks, go to <http://www.stelizabethpastorate.com/education/faith-formation/>.

### **WILL WE STILL BE ABLE TO PAY ON A MONTHLY BASIS OR WILL ALL THE TUITION BE REQUIRED UP FRONT IN JUNE?**

Yes, you can still set up a monthly payment to pay for the summer program.

### **WHAT WILL THE TUITION BE FOR THE SUMMER PROGRAM?**

The summer program will be the same tuition that the Dyersville Wednesday night program was:

- First & Second Child: \$145
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### **MY CHILD CAN MAKE SOME OF THE DATES, BUT NOT ALL OF THEM. CAN THEY STILL ATTEND THE SUMMER PROGRAM?**

Each day of the summer program that is missed is equivalent to missing three full days of classes throughout the year. If your child would miss more than one day of the summer program, we would encourage you to try to attend the year-round program in Earlville or one of the programs in Peosta in June or July.

### **WE ARE NOT ABLE TO GET OUR CHILD TO AND/OR FROM EACH DAY. WILL YOU OFFER TRANSPORTATION OR CHILDCARE SERVICE?**

Unfortunately when the parish gets involved with transportation, there are a lot of liability issues that are raised. We recommend the families that need transportation to coordinate with another FF family and see if they could carpool or make other arrangements. In

addition, we will not be offering a child care program this summer. If we assess that it is necessary in the future, we are open to providing it in years to come.

**I WANT TO MAKE THE SUMMER PROGRAM A PRIORITY FOR OUR FAMILY EACH SUMMER,  
WHEN WILL WE KNOW THE DATES FOR NEXT SUMMER'S PROGRAM?**

We will have the 2018 Faith Formation Summer Program dates to you by Thanksgiving.