

## HOLY FAMILY AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Dear St. Clara Faith Formation Families,

We would like to share an update of the plan for the 2017-2018 Faith Formation year at St. Clara's and in the Holy Family Area Catholic Community.

First, we would like to share with you the results of the survey that was sent out in June about adjusting the day and time of classes at St. Clara with the hopes of making it more optimal for the kids to learn, as well as getting catechists to volunteer to share their Catholic faith. The surveys suggested that we go with the following option, so this year classes will be at these times:

Grade K-6 – Sunday - 9:45-11:00 AM (Classes begin on Sunday, September 24) Grade 7-11 – Wednesday - 6:45-8:00 PM

Second, I met with the Coordinators of Faith Formation (FF), Christina Wangen and Ann Voller, several times to discuss what would be the best setup for the Coordinator of FF at St. Clara. We discussed many different options and came up with what we think will be a very good setup. We decided that it would be best to have Christina Wangen, our Area Lead Coordinator of FF and Coordinator of FF at St. Andrew, be the Coordinator of FF and Youth Ministry at St. Clara. Christina had been the Coordinator of FF at St. James these last two years in addition to her duties at St. Andrew's, so we know that she can handle being the Coordinator for 2 parishes. As the Area Lead Coordinator these last 4 years and helping with Vacation Bible School at St. Clara's these last two years, Christina has already gotten to know many of the families and catechists at St. Clara's. Christina is looking forward to serving with you at St. Clara's!

To give you a fuller picture, I would like to also share with you the setup we have for the rest of the Holy Family Area Catholic Community when it comes to FF and Youth Ministry. Ann Voller will continue serving as the Coordinator of FF and Youth Ministry at St. Joseph's, and we have expanded her hours so that she will also be the Coordinator of FF and Youth Ministry at St. James this year.

We really believe that this will be a good setup for our parishes and will serve our families well. If you would like to contact Christina to welcome her or to ask her questions about this upcoming year, you can call her at (507) 920-0122, or email her at sacoordinator@holyfamilyarea.org. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to contact me. Thank you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Paul Timmerman Pastor