

Christ
Centered
Discipleship



Continuing the Conversation

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“Remain in Me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without Me you can do nothing... I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.” (John 15:4-5, 11)

Dear parents of young disciples,

Wow – where did summer go? It is so hard to believe that it is already time for school to begin, especially in the midst of such a chaotic and uncertain year! Please know of my prayers for your family during this time.

You are receiving this letter & additional information because one or more of your children is of the age when we typically begin preparing young people to receive the mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time in Holy Communion! *If your child has not yet been baptized, please contact me for more details about how he or she might be able to prepare to receive that Sacrament also!* What a beautiful and exciting time in your child’s life! If you and your child(ren) would like to begin preparing for these sacraments, please first read through all of the enclosed information and take the commitment to prayer. If your family is ready to commit to the process of formation and to growing in faith together as a family, be sure to **sign up for our parish Christ Centered Discipleship (CCD) program!** You may do so through following the registration link on our parish website or by returning the paper registration form that was mailed to you a few weeks ago. More information about this year’s CCD program can also be found on our parish website – www.stwendelin.org. Catholic school families are also encouraged to participate in CCD, since it is very different from the instruction that children will receive in school.

If you have already signed up for CCD, please remember to attend a **very important parent meeting on Wednesday, September 9th beginning at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.** The first session of formation for both parents & students for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Communion will be on **Sunday, September 13th** between the 8am & 11am Masses (beginning at approximately 9:15am) in the **Parish Hall.** Please plan to attend both of these sessions if you and your child would like to prepare to receive these sacraments in the Spring. Catholic school families are also asked to attend these sessions to receive information that is particular to our parish.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. These sacraments are the greatest gifts God could possibly give us – and the greatest gift you could possibly give to your child is leading them to Him through these gifts of grace! God bless your family!

In the love of Christ,



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