
Eastern Rural Roman Catholic Community
of the Diocese of Buffalo



Dear Faith-filled Families of Mary Immaculate, St. Isidore's & St. Michael's-

Hopefully this letter finds that you are doing well and that your families are safe and healthy. We have had a wonderful summer and it is hard to believe that we are in mid-August. Certainly, since the school year has ended, there has been plenty of changes. We are now all part of a Family of Parishes. As part of the Family of Parishes model, one of the key components for making everything successful is our Faith Formation program because our families are what make our communities strong. I understand that the changes being made will take time to adjust to, we plan to adjust as well as we move along, and in the years to come tweak the program as needed. Our focus is to offer the best possible program for our students and their families.

Our classroom sessions will be divided into four sections. Section 1: Grades 1,2,3/ Section 2: Grades 4,5/ Section 3: Grades 6,7 & 8 and Section 4: Grades 9 & 10 (Confirmation Prep focused).

Classroom sessions for our Family of Parishes will be on Sundays, 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Section 4 will meet until 11:45 a.m. Snacks will be provided for the students. The sessions will take place in the Schafer Center located at the St. Michael campus at 171 North Main Street Warsaw, NY 14569.

This mailing has a number of enclosures. Enclosed you will find the schedule for this upcoming year, a registration form (for each child) as well as our Sacramental Reception Guide which indicates who is eligible to participate and receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Please take the time to review the enclosures and at your earliest convenience please return the registration forms for your child(ren) so that we can make the necessary preparations for the upcoming year based upon numbers.

Note that our Faith Formation program is free and for those families a child in a Sacramental Program for the upcoming year there is a fee of \$75.00. For families with two or more sacraments there is a flat fee of \$150. Checks payable to "St. Michael R.C. Church." The fee helps cover the cost of materials needed for retreat days, activities and other expenses associated with the celebration of the sacraments in our parish communities.

This year, there will be multiple "Family Days" which will be held on various Saturdays throughout the year. We invite all of our families to these special gatherings which will rotate between all of our sites and offer something for everyone in the family to participate in. **Please mark off Saturday October 22** on your calendars for a special "Day of Service," which is happening throughout the Diocese of Buffalo as part of its 175th Anniversary Celebration. More details will be available in September.

Finally, I cannot encourage you enough, that while our sessions are being held in Warsaw and everyone is invited to 9:00 a.m. Mass before, if your child(ren) does/do not have class on a particular Sunday, attending Mass at your parish, no matter the site, is important. First and foremost, it helps the family grow in the faith, and just as important, it brings life and hope to the Church when other members of our communities see families at church together. Perhaps even on Sundays when your child(ren) is/are coming to class, attending 7:30 a.m. in Silver Springs for St. Isidore's or 8:00 a.m. in Pavilion for Mary Immaculate with breakfast to follow before class can be a great family practice.

Below you will find the celebration dates for the sacraments in the spring.

Please know that if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, 585-786-2400 ext. 202 or by e-mail errccpastor@gmail.com.

In Good Faith & Prayers

Rev. Michael P. LaMarca
Pastor

Completed registrations may be mailed to the offices for the Family of Parishes:

*Faith Formation
16 North Street
Warsaw, NY 14569*

First Reconciliation

Monday March 20, 2023

6:30p.m. Mary Immaculate Pavilion
w/ Parishes' Penance Service

First Holy Communion

April 22/23 & 29/30, 2023

Mass & Church of Choice

Confirmation

TBD