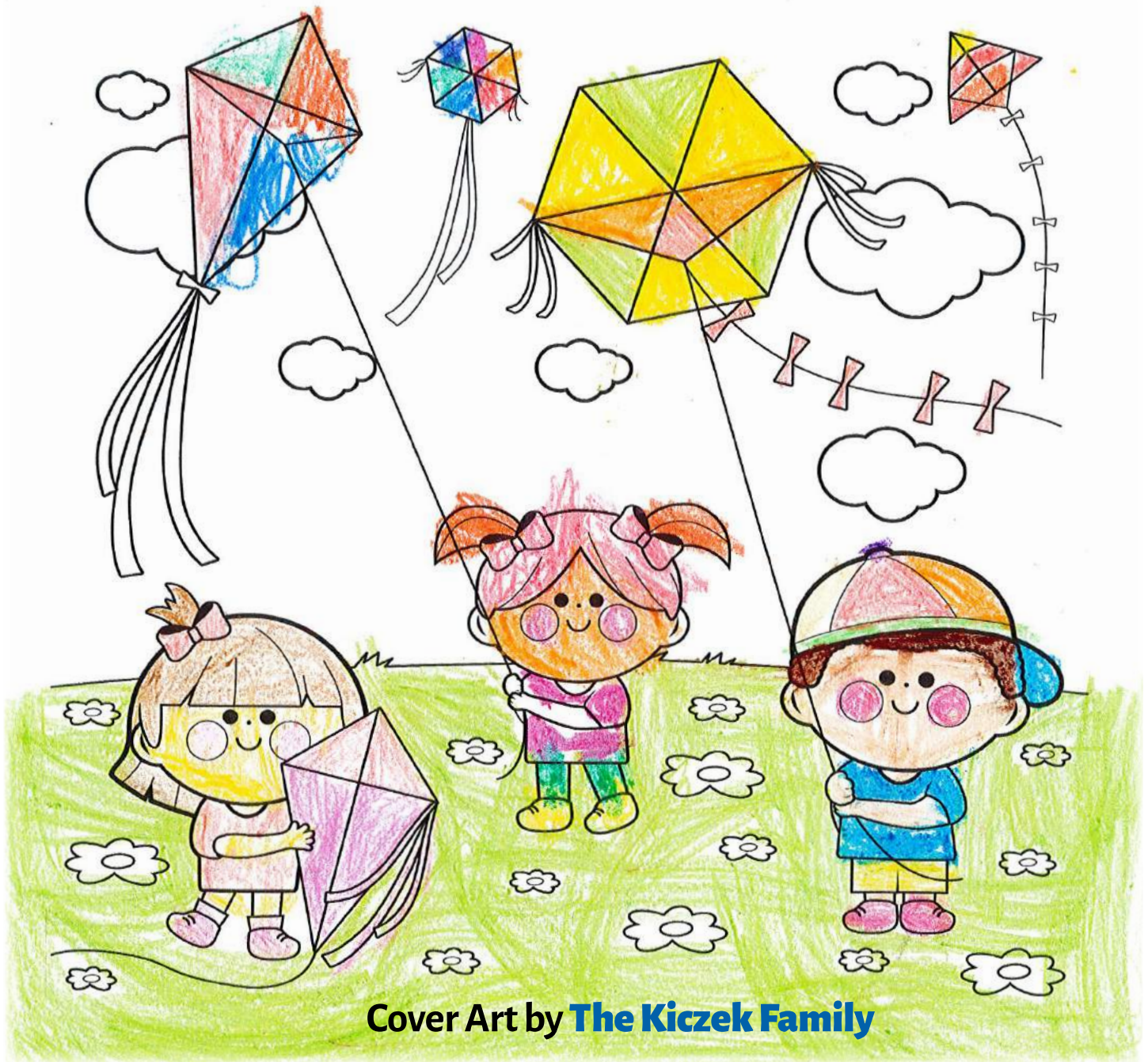


FAITH FORMATION

September 2017



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To Worship

Living Life in a way that honors God

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Faith Formation Program!

Here at Ss Peter & Paul and St Lawrence, we see ourselves as part of your family. This Catholic Community is committed to loving you and your family as you are. We are also committed to raising happy and healthy children with you who have a relationship with God.

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Program Components and Expectations

Like in any relationship, there are expectations that family members have for one another. Having clear expectations is the key to having a healthy relationship with one another. These will also help us educate children more effectively, joyfully, and lovingly in the faith. Below are what we expect from you, the parent:

Worship by . . .



Come to Mass on Sundays
 Bring the family to the Children's Mass: 9am at SPP & 10:30am at STL. Additionally, make sure to come to this Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month for a special presentation for the children. Every Sunday we will provide every child in the program with a weekly pamphlet that is meant to be used at home to make Mass more meaningful for them.

Serve by . . .



Getting involved. We invite all parents to get involved in some way, whether that is through helping out with a small group or serving coffee at the coffee social. Help build our community to be a more hospitable and charitable place.

Grow by . . .



Participating in the Faith Formation sessions, activities, and events. Refer to the calendar in this handbook to see when your child's appropriate sessions take place.



Connect by . . .



Attending community events and registering with the parish. Throughout the year we have other events that we do outside of the sessions to put our faith into practice. This includes service projects, worship events, like the Christmas Pageant and the Stations of the Cross, and community gatherings.

Give by . . .



Continuing to support the parish through envelopes or Faith Direct. In addition to registering with the parish, in order for programs like Faith Formation to continue it needs the ongoing support of the parishioners. We invite every working person to donate their first hour's wage to support this work we do for our families.

FAMILY HIGHLIGHT

The Kiczek Family



“Hello from the Kiczek family

We attend Saints Peter and Paul because of the community here, the commitment to social justice, and the Family Mass. We had been looking for a church that would treat children as part of its family, not just noisy attendees. We knew right away that this was the place for our family, as Father Bob clearly knew how to connect children to the Gospel message as well as adult participants to each other. The Mass here feels vital in a way that we have not experienced in some other churches; we appreciate how much this church seems relevant to our time and our place.”

Family Assembly Recap:

Here's what I want us to remember this month. Everyone is valuable. Every single person was made in God's image. Now, that's easy to remember when you are around people you love and you're all getting along. But it's really hard to remember when someone is different or doesn't think the same way you do.

This week, practice showing honor by giving someone a chance or telling them how valuable they really are.

And taking it one step further, don't forget our Parish Pillar **WORSHIP** which means living your life in a way that honors God! So, while you're telling your friends and family how much they mean to you, don't forget to give some honor to God too. Maybe a "good Morning, God" when you wake up, or singing a song that you learned in church or at the Family Assembly, or remembering to say grace before you eat a meal. And parents and kids, this week at dinner or before you go to bed, remember to take a moment to share your **HONOR** and **WORSHIP** stories with one another.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy Birthday to our September birthday boys and girls!

Emily
TESS
Lucie
Ava
LAYLA
CABOT
Owen
Natalie
ROGELIO
Morgan
LEO
Jake
DANTE
Ian
Michael
CHARLOTTE
Emmett
Kacey
ALEX
Emilie
PHILLIP
Sophia
Ava

Enjoy your special day!

Happy Anniversary to all of you celebrating this month!

If you would like to have your anniversary acknowledged, please kindly email Nick: nick.leeper@spphoboken.com

If you are involved in other activities in town such as sports, scouts, dance, theatre, arts or anything else, tell us about it! We would love to highlight your accomplishments here.

Middle School Recap:

We remember that:

- ✓ God the Father hears our every prayer - we must have faith and trust in this.
- ✓ Sometimes our prayers are self-centered, but all of our petitions should be with the words of the Our Father - Thy will be done.
- ✓ Prayer is about aligning our will and desires to the love of God and not about being granted wishes.

GOD TIME

Parents can help their child develop a personal prayer life by encouraging their children to go deeper with these prayer activities.

Our Father Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Prayer Before Meals

Bless us Oh Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive, from thy bounty, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

