

FAITH FORMATION

Dear Holy Family,

I want to thank you for the gift you have given me this year by allowing me to teach our fourth grade class. I spend much of my work week thinking about why fewer people go to Church these days and fewer raise their children Catholic. I hear people lament about the Christmas/Easter Catholics.

I know some, if not most, of the children in our class are going to Mass every weekend. However, I also know that I have seen beautiful parents with serious and complicated family issues, including two families battling cancer and at least two with complicated custody or blended family issues, love their children to pieces.

Their children come to me prepared to learn about Jesus, already knowing Him. They know about the beauty and importance of the Sacraments. They respect each other and treat each other with kindness. They are pure of heart. They have great stories of Catholic family traditions and why it is important to belong to their families and to the Church family.

They give me great hope. I wish more people could see this side of our church, perhaps unique to a parish whose pastor speaks to us week after week of God's unfailing love for us and the gift of His Church.

Faith Formation here at Holy Family is truly touched by the Holy Spirit and blessed by Our Lord.

