

Middle School Parents/Guardians and Students

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are thrilled to be starting our 2023 – 2024 Faith Formation year!

Our first night will be for all middle school students *and their parents* and will be
Wednesday, September 27 at St. Francis Church at 7:00 pm.

Welcome to Brainerd Catholic Middle School Faith Formation!

What does a Middle School Faith Formation night look like? Our middle school students, in grades 6 through 8, meet most Wednesday evenings through the school year. The doors to the school and gym will be open around 6:30pm on our Wednesdays so kids can come in and play basketball, get homework done, or just hang out with friends. Our night officially starts at 7:00 pm, and will finish at 8:15. There is typically a presentation to the entire group on a topic, and then everyone breaks into small groups for further discussion and work on the topic. Small groups are split up based on grade and gender and are led by some of the most amazing people we have in our parishes!

Some of the goals that we have for Middle School Faith Formation are:

- 1. To present all aspects of our Catholic faith in a relatable way to these amazing young people by delving deep into topics that they are interested in and allow them to ask all of the questions that they have and know that they will receive an answer.**
- 2. To grow in a community of believers with their peers and to develop trusted relationships with leaders in our church family.**
- 3. To recognize and find peace in Christ alone, and to rest in this peace when faced with the countless stresses and hardships that young people are dealing with on a constant basis.**
- 4. And most of all – to better know our God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to build a better relationship with Him while experiencing His Love, Mercy and Peace.**

We strive for a fun and welcoming environment for all of our youth! Parents will receive weekly emails detailing what the students learned for the evening so that further discussions at home can happen if desired.

Thank you for all you do as parents living as great examples of a faithful life! We are all so happy to be starting the year again!

May God bless you and your family with peace, protection, and strength for the following year,

Sincerely,

Britt

God made us for joy. God is
joy, & the joy of living reflects
the original joy that God felt
in creating us.

Pope John Paul II