

# ST ISIDORE

FAITH FORMATION

September-October | 2018-19



## Welcome

Thank you and Welcome to our 2018-19 Faith Formation Team of Volunteers!

I cannot thank you enough for all your time and effort. God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called (i.e. Moses, read Exodus 4:10-13). He calls and we must respond, which is precisely what you have done when you accepted to become a catechist. Thank you for your response!

He leaves us with the responsibility to plant the seed of faith in the hearts of the children we teach. The Holy Spirit will then do his part in guiding them to the TRUTH, when he knows they are ready. Our job then is *prayer*. Going to our Lady for her intercession for these, who children.

**“Prayer is powerful beyond limits when we turn to the Immaculata who is queen even of God’s HEART.”**  
St Maximilian Kolbe

Let us remember to pray unceasingly that God’s will be done and that this program may be for His greater Glory!

## Safe Environment

As you should already know. As volunteers in our parish and especially because we work with children we are required to have certain Safe Environment stipulations.

1. Live Scan: The Diocese of Sacramento must have your background check on file.
2. Safe Haven: Is a 3-part video series in both English & Spanish. It needs to be renewed every 3 years.

These must be completed by October 5, 2018. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.



## Enrichment Course

Presenting the *Franciscan University Catechetical Institute!* We are fortunate to be able to have this training available to us and we will be taking advantage to grow together as a team in a spiritual journey with it. It will fill us with knowledge and retouch information that we might have missed.

We will gather once a month (after minimum day classes) to recap what we have learned on our own.

## Resources

Reminder to use our Parish Website. The Catechist Corner is especially useful for you. It contains all the basic resources as: Safe Haven link, the link to Catechetical Institute, and other links that have been categorized to make search for topics and information easier for you. It also contains the calendar that has capability to be linked to your phone.

If you have any suggestions, please let me know since it is a consistent work in progress.

[stisidore-yubacity.org](http://stisidore-yubacity.org)

[stisidore-yubacity.org/faithformation/catechist-corner](http://stisidore-yubacity.org/faithformation/catechist-corner)

## MINISTRY DAYS

If you are not helping with child care for our Spanish Couple's Pan de Vida retreat on Sept, plan on attending ministry days. It's a great opportunity to learn more and get to know others like yourselves. We can later share what we learned and grow our program even more. There are many sessions offered in both English and Spanish. Let me know if you would like to carpool. [MINISTRYDAYS.com](http://MINISTRYDAYS.com)

## MASS ATTENDANCE

We will not be handing out mass attendance cards. Parents are expected to follow through with their obligations of their children's baptismal vows. Please take verbal mass attendance and if you notice a child is not attending, especially in sacramental prep, let me know because, the child might not be ready to continue in a sacrament prep class.

## BEHAVIOR STRIKE POLICY

Please remember to follow through the 3-strike policy. Just in the second week I have needed to talk to 3 students who have their now received their 1<sup>st</sup> strike. Accountability is very important! Not taking sacrament prep seriously can mean a year of growth instead for the child. Sometimes it just takes them 1 strike to know that it is no joking matter.

## HELP NEEDED

Please invite parents to help! A great thing to promote on Open House. We need help with:

Prayer leader; traffic guides; subs; service activity guides (for confirmation students); room parents; set-up/clean-up for events; and more.

## CHRISTOPHER WEST

Christopher West will be coming on October 16 to Chico, Ca. If you have the opportunity, take advantage. It is not an opportunity we have all the time.

Visit: <http://coreproject.com/events/made-for-more-chico>

## Upcoming Events:

### September

**Sept 25-28:** *Half Day* (classes are 6pm-7pm) All catechists meet in room 6 from 7:15-8:15

**Sept 28-30:** *Couples Pan de Vida Retreat*

**Sept 27-29** *Ministry Days*

### October

**October 2-5:** *Faith Formation First Open House.* We will start our Open House by praying the rosary with the parents in the church. From there parents can go to meet their children's catechists in their classrooms.

**October 9-12:** *Parent meeting week.* After dropping students off, parents will meet in the parish gym to participate in their parent meeting.

**October 16-19:** Regular classes in session.

**October 16:** *Christopher West* in Chico 7pm – 9:30pm

**October 23-26:** *Half Day.* Circle of Grace class will be given. We meet in room 6 from 7:15-8:15

**October 30-November 2:** *No Classes.* We will participate in the St Isidore School's All Hallows Eve event on October 30.

### November

**November 1:** *All Saints Day* – a day of obligation. Everyone must attend mass on this day.