

Blessed Sacrament ~ 145 Victoria Ave St. Joseph ~ 180 Wellington St St. Agnes ~ 52 Croydon St St. Ursula ~ 205 Tweedsmuir Ave W

Offices located at St. Agnes ~ 519-352-9483 and St. Ursula ~ 519-352-8530

## Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes (Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes, St. Joseph, St. Ursula) invites any families of school-aged children (age 7-17) who have not received the Sacraments of Initiation but are interested in pursuing the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation to contact the parish. The pastoral staff are more than happy to help you and your child(ren) enter into a time of discernment and preparation if you want them to become a part of the Catholic faith community.

This process of faith formation is called the Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children (grades 2-6) and Teens (grades 7-12). These are parish-based programs which require children to attend classes. Various lessons on the teachings of the Catholic faith are presented to help your child journey in faith.

## Who Should Attend:

- •Children entering into grades 2-6 in September who have not been baptized
- •Teens entering into grade 7-12 in September who have not been baptized
- •Children or teens who have been baptized in another Christian denomination other than Roman Catholic

Each family's spiritual needs are individual and unique. Therefore care will be taken to assess and find out what your family's distinct needs may be for your child. As parents, you are the first and most crucial model of faith to your child. We, as a faith community, hope to be a partner with you in helping your child grow spiritually.

If you are interested in pursuing the RCIA Adapted for Children or Teens, please contact one of the parish offices (St. Agnes 519-352-9483 or St. Ursula 519-352-8530) as soon as possible so that we, as a pastoral staff, are able to prepare for the fall session.

We look forward to being of help to any families interested in beginning this faith journey.

## Regards,

Pastoral Staff of Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes