

Summer 2010

Dear Parents:

Enclosed you will find a registration form for Blaze. Like last year, we would like families to register during the summer by August 15, so that we can better plan and give the greatest time for getting set to welcome the children and their parents in late September and October. **Completing the forms at this time saves waiting in line during registration in August or September.**

Please complete the registration form and return it to the parish office by mail, drop off or fax. We would like the fee to be paid at the time of registration. It is also possible to pay the fee through the e-giving process on line.

If you are new to our parish family and/or unfamiliar with Blaze please contact myself or Cathy Barrick for an explanation of Blaze OR you may wait until later in the summer when we have registration after Masses (August 28/29 or Sept 18/19). Please note that Blaze is the only Religious Education program that we offer at St. Stephen this year. This program is intergenerational as we require parents and children K through high school to attend together. Again, please contact us or come to the late summer registration for explanation. **Registration and attendance at Blaze is REQUIRED for those children preparing for Eucharist, Reconciliation or Confirmation AND also attendance is required the year previous to the sacrament year. This is in compliance with Diocesan policy.**

Please read the following carefully:

1. Pre K will not be offered this year. These children have the CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) program.
2. Most Blaze sessions will be offered 3 times per month. Attendance is required at one session per month.
3. Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 will attend a two hour class (**without parents**) in Sept., Nov., and January. This is in addition to the regular monthly Blaze session.
4. Parents are asked to have children do homework ....in order to continue the conversation about our faith at home. Text books for K thru 6th grade will come home.
5. There will be a check of various prayers and Catholic Traditions at each grade level 3 times this year.
6. Parents are asked and needed to assist in a variety of ministries within the Blaze program. Please see attached registration form and volunteer to help.
7. Some students will use Nolette Hall for class space.
8. 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be in single grade classes. Middle School and High School are combined grade levels.
9. No Nursery will be offered.

If your child attends Catholic elementary or high school, attendance at Blaze is not required and completion of this registration is not necessary. However, 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist/1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and Confirmation children are required to attend our Sacrament Preparation Sessions.

Peace,

Cass Hooker

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## Steps for Registration

Complete the enclosed registration..

- Print very clearly....ESPECIALLY EMAIL ADDRESSES ( i.e. number 1 or letter I)
- Include email address; necessary for good communication
- Include all names and grades of children and names of adults
- Place fee (if possible) and completed registration in envelope provided...and send to parish

The Blaze fee is \$25 per child and one \$25 fee for all adults attending Blaze. The maximum fee is \$100 per family. Beginning September 20, the fee will be \$40 per child and \$40 adult fee with a maximum of \$160. Please try to turn in your fee before August 21. No child is ever denied Religious Formation due to late fee or inability to pay.

Sacrament fees will be collected at a later date.

**Tentative** Blaze Schedule (Permanent Schedule will be in booklet available around 9/1)

Sept 27....grades 3-6 only...parents do not attend

October 3, 4 (choose one session)

October 28....SLIMETIME (Pre K – 5<sup>th</sup> participate, MS/HS Helpers)

November 7, 8 (choose one session)

November 29....grades 3-6 only...parents do not attend

December 5....Night in Bethlehem

December 12 FAMILY ADVENT SESSION (only 1 time choice)

January 9....Frank Runyan Presentation of Hollywood vs. Faith

January 24....grades 3-6 only...parents do not attend

February 6, 7 (choose one session)

March 6,7 (choose one session)

April 3 FAMILY LENT (only 1 time choice)

May 15 May Crowning of Mary and Family Picnic

# BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly

Household Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(PRINT CLEARLY)

Write in the name of each member of your household participating in the 2010 - 2011 BLAZE Christian Formation program. Be sure to enter the appropriate information in each column. If any member has a different last name, please include their last name on the form.

	Name	Age	Grade Level	Male Female	Pathway Y or N	Virtus Y or N	Choir or Plays Instrument
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							

List any children with special needs or allergies: (mention any special learning needs)

\_\_\_\_\_

List any child(ren) on this form who have not been Baptized: \_\_\_\_\_

List any child(ren) older than 2nd grade who have not received Eucharist: \_\_\_\_\_

List any child(ren) older than 2nd grade who have not received Reconciliation: \_\_\_\_\_

List any child(ren) older than 10th grade who have not received Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS:** we need you to help with many things during the year - check any area(s)

(DIOCESAN REQUIREMENT: anyone working with minors must undergo background screening and attend VIRTUS class.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Catechist/Teacher      \_\_\_\_\_ Substitute Catechist/Teacher      \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer Reader

\_\_\_\_\_ "TRADITIONS" Checker      \_\_\_\_\_ Main Hall Monitor      \_\_\_\_\_ Nolette Hall Monitor

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (copying, sorting, cutting, filing, etc.)      \_\_\_\_\_ Event Helper (Advent/Lent/Picnic)

**BLAZE FEES:**

# of children \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Fee \$25

**TOTAL BLAZE FEES = \_\_\_\_\_ (Family maximum is \$100 before Sept. 20th)**

*Starting Monday, September 20th, the fees are \$40 per child, \$40 adult and \$160 family maximum*

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_ I will pay thru E-Giving \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ Check here if assistance is needed to cover fees \*\*\*\*\*