

# ATTENDANCE POLICY

**The Faith Formation Department at the Church of St. Mary exists to help students, families and parents “grow in their faith.” We aren't much help unless students are present at all classes and events. We need the dedication and commitment of parents and guardians to fulfill this purpose.**

“In the formal religious education setting, student/catechist contact time should be in the range of 22 - 27 hours. This goal can be reached by attending regularly throughout the school year. A complete program would provide other faith formation opportunities to complement and enhance the formal course of study.”

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## **Guidelines for Attendance at Faith Formation Classes:**

- **If a student will not be in class, we expect parents to notify the Faith Formation Office (235-3982) as soon as possible.**
- **If a student is absent without an excuse for 2 consecutive weeks, parents will be contacted by phone.**
- **If a student misses four consecutive classes without hearing from parents, we will assume that the student has dropped the class. Parents must then re-register with the Faith Formation Department if the student wishes to continue.**