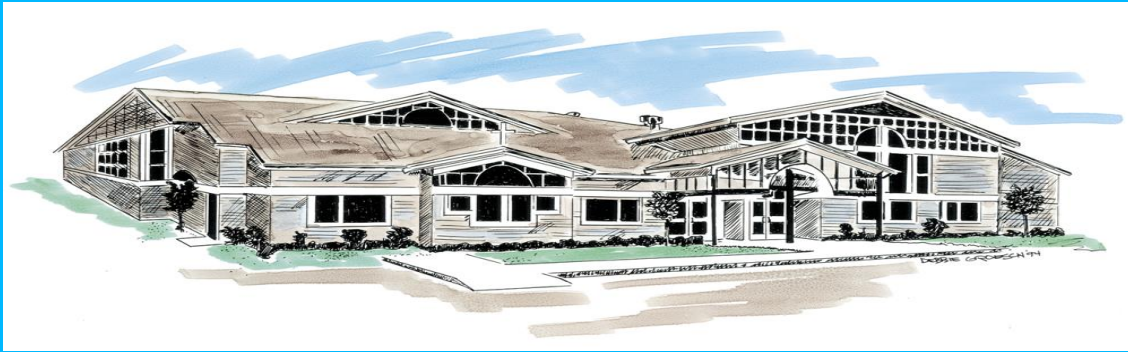


# HOLY CROSS PARISH



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Dear Parents and Students of Holy Cross Faith Formation,

The Holy Cross Faith Formation office has asked students to leave their technology at home; specifically cell phones, ipods with headphones / ear buds, hand held video game systems, etc. We are given a ministry by the Catholic Church to catechize the faithful of our community in the practice and teaching of our faith. However, it is impossible for the catechist or the students to fully understand the lessons that are being taught with outside distractions present. As of September 2008 we have no longer allowed technology in our classrooms. Parents should know our finishing time at Faith Formation is 8:00pm; therefore, no child needs to have a cell phone. The catechists in the classrooms can leave their cell phones in their cars. Theresa Austin will have a cell phone on hand in the office in case of emergencies.

It seems wise for us to leave all technology at home so that we can focus on our journey with Christ, increase our faith and learn more about God. This will also allow us to spend more time listening, sharing with each other and interacting with the catechists. It may seem difficult for some but this policy will bear fruit for our community. Catechists, teacher aides and faith formation personnel will take into their possession any technology brought on the Hanshew campus. The technology will remain in the possession of the Faith Formation Department until a parent is available to collect the item at the parish the following day. No technology will be returned the same day it is taken. If the technology is not collected at the Faith Formation office within two weeks, the technology will be donated to a local charity.

In God's Love,

Theresa Austin

*Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry*