



Religious Formation Department

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To Our 2nd, 7th, and 8th Grade Families,

As your child prepares for reception of a Sacrament, whether it be Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation, our goal is for them to receive their formation in a safe and personal format. Our in-person safety protocols meet the requirements put in place by both the State of Michigan and the Archdiocese of Detroit for Return to School for Phase 4.

****All catechists and students will wear masks at all times.** This is following the CDC guidelines for masks for children. Please refer to the CDC guidelines:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>

The mask may be of your choosing, however, we ask that you please choose appropriate patterns or characters. Students may remove their mask to drink water. **To limit movement outside the classroom, we ask that your child have their own marked water bottle to use from home.**

****Sanitizing stations and hand sanitizer** will be available for student and catechist use.

****Students will have assigned seating** so as to monitor and assist in contact tracing if needed. Rooms being used for classes are: 2nd grade will be in the lower level of the school building as was done last year; 7th grade will be in the Gym; 8th grade will be in the Church Hall.

****Since students will need their own supplies** as we can no longer share them, 2nd graders will be given a 2 gallon Ziploc type bag for their Sacrament book. These will be clearly marked with their name. Inside will be a pencil and box of crayons for their use. Therefore it is very important for that bag to come to class every week. The 7th and 8th grade students will have pens available should they not have one on their person. These will be disinfected after use by the RE staff.

****A monitoring link will be sent via the primary email to you each Sunday before class.** You will need to fill-in the required information before your child(ren) may enter the building. You will be required to fill in your email; last name of family; student name; your child's temperature; new or unusual cough; flu like symptoms; diarrhea;

shortness of breath; or if you've been around anyone exposed to COVID19. If you have additional children you will be able to continue to do the same per child. We ask that this be completed by 9:00 AM every Sunday morning so that we will be ready to check your child in at 9:30. **This monitoring form must be completed for your child to attend class.**

****At drop off please maintain 6 feet of social distancing and wear a mask.** At drop-off we will check to see that the Morning Health Check In has been completed. We will have separate drop off points for each grade. 2nd grade will come to the main school doors as before and go directly to the lower level and be seated. 7th grade will come to the single grey door to the right of the School entrance and then go directly to the Gym and be seated. 8th grade will enter at the Chapel door then go directly to the Hall and be seated.

At pick-up please maintain 6 feet social distance and again wear a mask. The inside doors of the school entrance will be locked as was done last year during class. In order to maintain social distancing we ask that you do not wait between the outside and inside doors of the main entrance for your 2nd grader. Students will be dismissed from the same doors in which they entered for class: Chapel door for 8th; grey door to the right of the school entrance for 7th; school entrance for 2nd. In the case of inclement weather at pick up we ask that you wait in your car until 10:45. If attending 11:00 Mass perhaps arrange for a particular spot to meet up.

Please keep in mind that we are beginning a new year of Religious Education with many questions during this very unusual and challenging period. Protocols may need to be changed as we work to do what is best for the health and safety of our children. May we be patient, understanding, and kind role models to our children.

God bless, stay safe, and remember we need you here in the St. Edith community!

Linda Kramer