

Our COVID-19 Response

Dear Parents, Catechists, and volunteers,

In accordance with the diocese guidelines we have some new policies to implement this year in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please carefully read over these guidelines and review them with you children.

1. Classes which have over 10 students will now be split into two sessions: Group A and Group B. These two sessions will attend on alternating weeks. *For example August 5th will be group A, August 12th will be group B.* We have done our best to make sure that families stay in the same group. For classes that have less than 10 students those students are encouraged to attend every week, if that is not possible they may complete the parent-led assignments issued for that week.
2. Student who are not able to attend or whose group is not assigned to come to class every other week should be using the calendar you received at the beginning of the year which has the curriculum in it to do a parent led lesson at home. We also be utilizing e-mail to update you on those assignments and to pass on vital information. If you have not received an email from wreedekm001@gmail.com please notify our office and we will add you to the list.
 - a. Parental involvement is a key component. By your patience, attentiveness, and willingness to sit with them during this lesson you will have taught them more about the importance of our Faith than we could have with hundreds of books.
3. Students should every week bring their text and activity book home. Assignments will occasionally come from the assignment book and teachers will check them the following week for completion.
4. Students should no longer meet in the cafeteria, instead they should immediately go to their classroom.
5. To the best of their ability catechists should maintain the 6 ft. social distancing rule between students in the hallways, classrooms, and in the parking lot.
6. There will be NO drinking fountain available- please ask your child to bring a water bottle instead. There will be a place to refill water bottles in the school.
7. **Masks will be mandatory** until such a time as the diocese has lifted this restriction.
8. Parents should monitor their children's health closely. If your child is feeling ill or has a temperature, please keep them home that week. Should they test positive for COVID-19 inform the Director of Religious Education immediately and self-quarantine for 14 calendar days.
9. If your child feels ill or has a temperature during class they will be put in the "care room" located in the Parish Center building below the St. Joseph school office. We will call you and let you know that your child is ill and to please pick them up as soon as possible.
10. **The bus will no longer drop off students for CCD after school.** Instead Ms. Wreede will meet them at a meeting place outside school and escort them to the St. Joseph school building. **We will need your written permission to do this.**
11. 9th and 10th grade students will utilize google classrooms for those off weeks when they are not able to attend class. To sign up for google classrooms **your child must use an e-mail that is not associated with the public school**, preferably another g-mail account.
12. At the end of class students should do their best to help clean their classroom and should not congregate in the parking lot but stay with their teacher until they are picked up.
13. Hygiene is very important, it is therefore optimal that you teach your children how to properly use hand sanitizer, wash their hands and sneeze into their elbow.