

November



Hello 2020/21 RE Families!

Happy November! I hope this email finds you and your families well! Our "work in progress" year seems to be progressing very well so far. This is largely due to our AMAZING team of Catechists AND all the FANTASTIC families who are working so hard to help our parish children grow in faith and love for Jesus. THANK YOU!! Thank you also for your encouragement and patience as I am definitely still ironing out a few kinks. Hopefully you had a chance to see the RE insert in last week's bulletin showing our opening of Religious Education. Even though things look different, it is so nice to be back:)

This year, I am trying to have a **"theme" for RE each month**. In our shortened October, the theme was the **Rosary**. All of the students in PreK through 6th Grade received their own individual rosaries and booklets, and last week the classes were invited to pray the Rosary. Our families at home were asked to pray the Rosary as well, and if any families want to send a picture, that would be wonderful! Our 7th and 8th Grade students will be getting rosaries as well. This month, I'd like our "theme" to be the **Saints**. Our classes and families at home are invited to take time to learn about the Saints and also pray to our brothers and sisters in Heaven. Looking ahead to December, our theme will be **Advent**.

Please take a look at the **UPDATED RE Schedule** that is attached to this email. There have been a couple changes and additions made since last month. Most importantly, there are 3 events this month: 2nd Grade Parent Meeting (11/4/20), 7th & 8th Grade Parent Meeting (11/15/20), and Mandatory 7th Grade Saint Retreat (11/22/20). As I have mentioned before, the bulletin and website are also great ways to know important information about RE and our parish. I will break down the rest of this email in sections for the different groups and classes.

IN PERSON FAMILIES: PRE-K to 6TH

- What a WONDERFUL start so far!! Kids are doing great with masks and distancing, and I feel like the classes are running smoothly. I strongly believe your children are receiving excellent and meaningful instruction! Please ask them what they are learning and keep the conversation about our faith going:)
- Beginning this Wednesday (11/4), children should be walking to classes on their own. *Parents, please refrain from going down the halls and into the classrooms.* Only adults with Diocesan clearances should be with the RE students. Parents are welcome to sit in the Parish Hall or lounge area during RE. This rule is for the safety and protection of your children.
- PLEASE do not use the driveway as a means for dropping off or picking up your children. Parents may walk children up to the doors or drop them off at the steps so they can walk safely up the walkway to class. PLEASE continue to follow the CoVid guidelines on the waivers you signed. Thank you for helping our students, teachers, and families stay healthy and safe!

IN PERSON FAMILIES: 7TH & 8TH

- Our Confirmation Prep Classes are off to a great start!! What friendly and respectful students!! Please engage your children in conversations about what they are learning as this is such an important step in their faith journey. Please also make Mass attendance a priority in your family. Your Confirmand is preparing for full initiation in the Catholic Church, and Mass is our greatest prayer of worship.
- Please have your students come to class prepared and with their class materials each week. Please also continue to follow the CoVid guidelines on the waivers you signed. Thank you for helping our students, teachers, and families stay healthy and safe!

Please plan to attend the Parent Meeting on 11/15 at 6PM. There will be a great deal of information shared, and it is important that you know and understand the requirements for Confirmation. I will begin sending some opportunities for required Service Hours and Formation for your children. Stay tuned...