

Dear Faith Formation Families,

Thank you so much for your responses to our survey. It was a gift to be able to hear your concerns about the upcoming school year. After much prayerful consideration and consultation of the Diocesan guidelines, we have decided that it's best to hold our Faith Formation lessons virtually this year. Our plan is to come alongside you as their parents and enrich what you are likely already doing at home. Each month, your student will receive a packet containing weekly lessons based on the Gospel, grade level appropriate materials, and for the younger kids, craft supplies!

We will also be conducting twice monthly grade level virtual lessons for Grades 1-8. Pre-K and Kindergarten will receive the packets, but they will not have virtual lessons. These lessons will consist of a Gospel-based lesson and grade level studies (older students). There will also be a focus on prayer across all grade levels and leaning into our faith during challenging times. If you choose not to participate in the virtual lessons, there will be material in your packets that will be marked to be submitted. This way we can fulfill the Diocesan requirement that your student has participated in faith building lessons for this school year.

We are planning on celebrating all of our sacraments this year. Second Graders will receive appropriate lessons to prepare them for their First Reconciliation and their First Communion, and Eighth Graders will prepare to be confirmed. These classes will be required to participate in the virtual lessons. We will celebrate these masses in the safest, most appropriate way when the time comes.

In addition to this, we are also beginning to build a new Youth Ministry. We have hired a new youth director, Elizabeth Ockunzi, and we are excited about the future of this ministry. It will look different this year, but we would love to know if your high schoolers would like to participate, so they have been included on the registration form this year.

We know that this is not the ideal situation, but we are hopeful and prayerful that this year will be one of faith building, community and connection for all of our students. The registration has been broken into two parts so that you can fill out the information that is the same for your whole family on one form, and then you can fill our more personalized information for each student.

1. Register your family:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7RcA2br6RdnzOUFhubdXa53iDtFT9zJeMY8uVRau21UDuQ/viewform>

2. Register each individual student:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/u/2/d/e/1FAIpQLScG7oDGmsIDkVKzPub19fErQBnXk4eSPZPnVUbiuocQSZSUnA/viewform>

Thank you for your help and patience as we adjust to our new normal!

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