

Dear Faith Formation Families,

I know this is late in coming, but there is so much to consider these days. All I can do is pray for all parents who have so many decisions and changes to make in their lives.

The plan described below is in effect till October 5th. We will watch how our school is being sanitized and what the governor will be saying and plan accordingly for the remainder of the year. You will never be forced to come on site, but we hope to offer on-site sessions after the long weekend in October.

Until October 5, the Faith Formation program at St. Mary's looks like this:

Families with children in grades Kdg-5:

- Weekly zoom sessions for each grade level - about 15 minutes in length: Sept. 12, 19, 26 and October 3. Our catechists look forward to coming to know the students through these sessions
- students will be given a short assignment to be presented to the group at the following session
- We ask that parents are with their children during these brief sessions
- Times are:

9:00 a.m.	Grade 5
9:30 a.m.	Grade 2
10:00 a.m.	Grade 3
10:30 a.m.	Grade 4
11:00 a.m.	Kdg
11:30 a.m.	Grade 1

Families with children in middle school – Grades 6 – 8 – are asked to join us for weekly outdoor sessions on Monday evenings: September 14, 21, 28 and October 5. From 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. If weather is inclement, we will move to the Church or the parish center – maintaining social distancing. For those who do not feel safe sending your children to these masked outdoor sessions, we will meet with you via zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

High School students have three choices. They may come on Mondays to help with the middle school students (wearing masks). If they plan on helping with Saturday mornings, they will join the zoom group of the age they will be working with. Or they may meet for bi-monthly sessions on Sundays in the parish center beginning September 20 and 27 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. (11 a.m. – noon). We will meet with students who prefer zoom sessions later in the day on Sundays.

Parent Component: Father Paul will offer brief monthly catechetical sessions for adults during which he will address parents on a topics of interest. These sessions will be available electronically.

Family Component: Based on Father's presentation, we will provide a monthly activity for the family to engage in.

All parishioners – including faith formation families - are encouraged to watch Father Paul's weekly presentation on the Sunday Scripture readings. These are available beginning Thursday afternoons on the parish face book page, you tube and the parish website.

Your response, your thoughts and your suggestions are welcome and needed! We are in this together and we are here to serve you and your families.

Sister Therese