August 19, 2020

Dear Parents,

I appreciate those of you who took the time to complete the survey I sent regarding Faith Formation classes for this coming year. Based on the survey results and several meetings and discussions regarding policies for onsite classes during this pandemic, the decision has been made to have religion classes remotely with zoom review classes. Since we have students from many school districts in the program and our building/classrooms cannot accommodate the requirements for social distancing, this is the only way to ensure the health and safety of all the students, volunteer teachers and staff.

I understand how chaotic it has been for families trying to navigate through this difficult time. We ended last year’s program with much uncertainty and needed to find ways to stay connected and be sure class requirements were completed. Due to the circumstances and the pressure students had in trying to complete their school assignments, I was lenient to those who did not complete the work or participate in the zoom review classes. However, this year it is imperative that work is completed and returned on time and the student participates in the zoom review classes. Otherwise, the student will not be able to proceed to the next grade level or enroll in sacramental programs. I am reviewing different textbooks to find a program that best accommodates remote learning with a more efficient way for me to track the student’s progress and record the work.

A registration form is attached and needs to be returned by **September 16.** The registration fees and how to return the form and payment are on the back of the form. **If you are using online banking for your payment, you still need to send in a completed registration form to the Faith Formation Office.**  If you have more than one child, please be sure to fill out the information for each child. A parent’s signature is required on the form**.**

I plan to have a couple different days and times for a meeting with social distancing to explain this year’s program. Once your registration form is received, you will be notified by email with the details for this meeting. Along with the textbook, you will also receive the schedule for the zoom review classes.

Students entering the 9th grade who were in the program last year will begin their Year Two Preparation. An additional meeting will be scheduled later to discuss the Confirmation program.

If you have any questions, please email me or call the office at 429-5650. **If you will not be registering your child for the program this year, please let me know.**

My continued prayers for the health and safety of you and your family.

Peace and God Bless,

Maureen Piehler

Faith Formation Coordinator/Youth Minister