



August 18, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Despite our strange times I hope that you are forming the strong habit of prayer as a family, especially praying the Holy Rosary together, making time for works of charity, reading the Word of God, and, of course, attending (either in-person or remotely) the Holy Mass on Sundays as a family. Without a doubt, your example and encouragement in the practice of the Catholic faith is the single greatest determining factor to the continued practice of your children's faith as they become adults.

As we enter into the 2020-2021 Academic Year, in times that are challenging and bizarre, we will offer our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) through an online module following the *Faith & Life* textbook series for children in Grades 1-8. After evaluating various options, we will not be offering a Kindergarten section this year. This year, as you are experiencing, is marked with uncertainty and many concerns for parents and children, it is my hope that this approach to our Religious Education will allow all to continue to learn the Catholic Faith in a safe, effective, and good manner. Know of my prayers for you as we begin a unique year of schooling.

On the reverse of this letter, for your convenience and reference, are instructions on how to register and participate in our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP); or, you can go directly to the Parish Website, [www.sacredheartofjesus.org](http://www.sacredheartofjesus.org), and select the link to the PREP webpage, which provides that same information. Please note that if you have previously registered for our PREP (this year or last year), you do not need to register again but only need to sign up for the Faith and Life series by emailing the Director of Parish Religious Education, Deacon Richard Owen, at [deaconrowen@gmail.com](mailto:deaconrowen@gmail.com) with the information listed on the rear of this letter.

Please register and/or sign up your child/children for this year's PREP series before September 13, 2020, so all can complete the course work during this academic year.

Children beginning Grade 3 who have not yet received their First Holy Communion, as well as members of our Confirmation Class, will receive an additional letter with details on the Holy Masses for these Sacraments.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Parish Office or Deacon Richard Owen, by phone (570-523-3104) or email: [deaconrowen@gmail.com](mailto:deaconrowen@gmail.com). Thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mark T. Wilke  
Pastor

**Instructions for registering for the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) and signing up for the Faith and Life Series**

Grades 1 through 8

Please Register/Sign-up prior to September 13, 2020

Go to the Parish Website: [www.sacredheartofjesus.org](http://www.sacredheartofjesus.org)

- Scroll down to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Updates box near the bottom of the page
- Click on the link for the **Parish Religious Education Program**

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TO REGISTER (if you have not previously registered for PREP this or last year)

- Please fill out the on-line [registration form](#) or
- Print and complete the paper registration form and mail it to, or drop it off at, the Parish Office

TO SIGN UP for the Faith and Life Series ([My Catholic Faith Delivered](#))

- Email the Director of Religious Education, Deacon Richard Owen, at [deaconrowen@gmail.com](mailto:deaconrowen@gmail.com)
- Include in the email your child/children's name, grade, and parents email addresses and phone numbers
- The tuition is \$25.00 per family. Please contact Deacon Owen for scholarship availability. An envelope is enclosed for your use in forwarding this donation.