



Holy Family Catholic Church

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Dear Parents,

The entire religious education staff at Holy Family Catholic Church welcomes you and your child(ren) to the CCD program for the 2020 – 2021 school year. We are excited to work with you and your child(ren) to help them grow in our faith. This year is going to be like no other due to the changes brought on by the Corona Virus. I assure you that we will all do our very best to teach the children about the Catholic faith and keep them safe at the same time.

This religious education program is a collaboration between the parents, teachers and the children. It is a TEAM effort and this year is forcing us to work even more like a team than ever before! The teachers do their very best to teach their students while in class at CCD, but it will take everyone to make this year a productive and educational one. Due to the fact that each class will only be meeting every other week, I am asking each parent to be in contact with their child's CCD teacher and help teach the lessons on the off weeks. I have asked the teachers to provide guidance to the parents in what needs to be done on the off weeks. It may be as simple as helping a child learn a prayer or as much as teaching the next chapter in their book. But I will be here helping everyone with whatever they need. If you have questions and/or concerns at any time throughout the year, please feel free to bring them to the student's teacher or to me.

I am sorry to say that we are currently still asking for a \$25 donation per child, to cover the cost of books and materials, but please don't feel this is mandatory if you cannot afford it. But what I do ask to be mandatory is, that when you sign your child up for CCD class, that you see it as a priority in their lives and make every effort to have them at classes when held and help with any at home work. Life scheduling conflicts will arise and I understand that, but please keep this program at the top of the list.

Let's work together to make these children the best Catholics they can be!

Sincerely,

Todd DeGroot

Coordinator of Religious Education

Teachers/Leaders

PreK/K Ms. Ann Smith

1st grade Ms. Lynette Kegley

2nd grade Ms. Karen Burry – call/text – 865-579-9196

3rd grade Ms. Jeannine Sessa

4th grade Ms. Claudia Burton – call – 865-573-0056

5th grade (pre-Confirmation)

Ms. Misti DeGroot – text 865-405-5229

Mr. Justin LaCroix

Ms. Amanda LaCroix

6th grade (Confirmation)

Ms. Misti DeGroot – text 865-405-5229

Ms. Leigh Ann Davis

Mr. Jason Davis

Middle School Youth Group (6th - 8th grade) Ms. Joni White – text 865-654-0270

Mr. Justin LaCroix

Ms. Amanda LaCroix

Ms. Misti DeGroot – text 865-405-5229

Mr. Todd DeGroot - 865-719-8744

High School Youth Group (9th - 12th grade) Ms. Molly Massey

Mr. Todd DeGroot

Corona Virus Precautions-

Due to the Corona Virus pandemic we have to abide by the Bishop's guidelines for group gatherings. This means that:

- 1- Everyone MUST wear a facemask, face shield, or gator scarf while at CCD or Youth Activities.
- 2- We all need to keep our 6 feet of social distance between each other.
- 3- We cannot serve any food during gatherings at this time, so no snacks or dinners.

These restrictions may change during the 2020-2021 school year at any time. Please check our social media outlets [webpage: www.holyfamilyseymour.org, Facebook page: @HolyFamilySeymour, & MyParish App) often for any updates. I will try to post updates to all the outlets.

Parental Involvement-

Teaching the Catholic faith to our children should be a collaboration between the parents and the catechists. Parents should be the main people teaching the faith to their children and are encouraged to interact with the catechists on an ongoing basis. Our catechists are here to HELP teach the children (and parents when needed) our wonderful Catholic faith. But please be mindful and try to make all efforts to collaborate outside of our short CCD class time.

We have a discussion group in the MyParish app. To access the group: log into the app and click on the 'Groups' box (top right side). Any information that is meant to be shared with the whole CCD community can be posted/found there.

For the parents of students receiving sacraments, there will be short meetings (usually about 15 minutes or so) throughout the year to discuss pertinent information.

Families should regularly be attending mass, it's not just a requirement for receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion but also a requirement of the church itself. And by attending mass together, it fosters a greater sense of Christian community and involvement in the children.

Attendance & Absences-

Children should be attending CCD/religious classes on a regular basis, not only to prepare them for upcoming sacraments but also to help teach them about and strengthen their faith. Please don't think that if it's not a sacrament year for a child, that they don't need to learn about their – OUR – faith.

Even though we are encouraging kids to be at CCD weekly, please use public school guidelines and your best judgement when it comes to sick children. Children that have had a fever or been vomiting in the past 24 hours should NOT come to CCD that week. PLEASE be courteous and keep sick children home, not only allow them to recover but to keep from spreading illnesses.

If your child will not be able to attend their CCD class, please follow the procedures below:

- 1- Please contact and inform the CRE of your child's absence. (text, email or phone call)
- 2- Obtain any missed work from the child's teacher (see contact information page)
- 3- Return any make up work to the teacher at the start of the next class

Students with inconsistent attendance or chronic lack of attendance will not be permitted to progress to the next level unless the student can demonstrate sufficient grade-level catechetical formation.

** Notify the Coordinator of Religious Education if your family requires special needs due to your circumstances. (Please do not let a lack of ability to make it to CCD class on Sunday keep your child from learning our faith!) **

Attire-

Students should dress appropriately for religious class. No hats in classrooms. Dresses should be modest, if worn. Face covering must be worn at all times.

Times-

CCD classes for GRADES Pre-K/K, 1, & 2 - will be every other Sunday @ 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

CCD classes for GRADES 3 & 4 - will be every other Wednesday @ 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

CCD classes for GRADES 5 & 6 - will be every other Sunday @ 1:00pm to 2:15pm.

Middle school youth group for GRADES 6 - 8 will be every other Sunday @ 2:30pm-3:30pm.

High School Youth Group for GRADES 9 - 12 will be every other Wednesday @ 6:30pm to 7:45pm.

PLEASE MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO ARRIVE ON TIME!

Class Cancellations-

If CCD classes need to be cancelled for inclement weather or emergencies, there will be a notification sent out through the MyParish App and a post on our Facebook page (@HolyFamilySeymour). For this reason, we strongly urge all parents to download the app to their phones. If you cannot get the app or Facebook, please see the Coordinator of Religious Education to work out another means of communication. Please keep the parish office and Coordinator of Religious Education up to date with your current phone number(s).

Sacramental Programs-

A Baptism certificate for each child is required. The child cannot receive any sacraments without one. If your child has not been Baptized yet, please see the Coordinator of Religious Education to begin that process.

First Penance & First Communion-

It is requested that children have COMPLETED the 1st grade CCD class before attending the 2nd grade Communion class.

Confirmation-

It is requested that children have completed the TWO previous grades of CCD before Confirmation class. This is to ensure that the student has a good understanding of their faith before asking for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

CMG Connect-

All adults working with our children, or any vulnerable people in the parish, need to be trained through the CMG Connect program. It is for this reason; we highly recommend that all parents go through the training. It is a FREE program that is done on the computer at your pace. If you need any help or a computer to take the course on, stop by the office and they can help you.

Friends-

During most times we welcome students to bring their friends to CCD with them, to show other kids what the Catholic faith is all about. Unfortunately, we are restricting classes to just registered students. This restriction is due to not being able to gather large groups. When this virus goes away and we can free gather again, we will once again allow friends. When this time comes, any friend will need to be signed in by the responsible adult dropping off the children. We want to make sure we have emergency contacts and any pertinent information about each child. "Bring a Friend" forms will be available on the CCD bulletin board

Snacks-

Due to restrictions from the Bishop, we will unfortunately not be able to have cookies and juice, or any food and drink at CCD for at least the beginning of the school year.

Holy Family CCD/YOUTH Schedule

2020-2021 School Year

Sunday, September 27, 2020	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
Wednesday, September 30, 2020	6:00pm CCD 3rd & 4th Grades
Sunday, October 4, 2020	1:00pm CCD 5th & 6th grade; 2:30 MS Youth Group
Wednesday, October 7, 2020	6:30pm HS Youth Group
Sunday, October 11, 2020	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
Wednesday, October 14, 2020	6:00pm CCD 3rd & 4th Grades
Sunday, October 18, 2020	1:00pm CCD 5th & 6th grade; 2:30 MS Youth Group
Wednesday, October 21, 2020	6:30pm HS Youth Group
Sunday, October 25, 2020	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
Wednesday, October 28, 2020	6:00pm CCD 3rd & 4th Grades
Sunday, November 1, 2020	1:00pm CCD 5th & 6th grade; 2:30 MS Youth Group ALL SAINTS DAY
Wednesday, November 4, 2020	6:30pm HS Youth Group
Sunday, November 8, 2020	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades 5:00pm 6th Grade Confirmation
Wednesday, November 11, 2020	6:00pm CCD 3rd & 4th Grades
Sunday, November 15, 2020	1:00pm CCD 5th & 6th grade; 2:30 MS Youth Group
Wednesday, November 18, 2020	7:00pm Adult Confirmation
Sunday, November 22, 2020	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
Wednesday, November 25, 2020	OFF - THANKSGIVING BREAK
Thursday, November 26, 2020	THANKSGIVING DAY
Sunday, November 29, 2020	OFF - THANKSGIVING BREAK
Wednesday, December 2, 2020	6:30pm HS Youth Group
Sunday, December 6, 2020	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
Tuesday, December 8, 2020	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Wednesday, December 9, 2020	6:00pm CCD 3rd & 4th Grades
Sunday, December 13, 2020	1:00pm CCD 5th & 6th grade; 2:30 MS Youth Group
Wednesday, December 16, 2020	6:30pm HS Youth Group
Sunday, December 20, 2020	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
Wednesday, December 23, 2020	OFF - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Friday, December 25, 2020	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - CHRISTMAS DAY
Sunday, December 27, 2020	OFF - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Wednesday, December 30, 2020	OFF - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Friday, January 1, 2021	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Sunday, January 3, 2021	OFF - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Wednesday, January 6, 2021	OFF - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Sunday, January 10, 2021	1:00pm CCD 5th & 6th grade; 2:30 MS Youth Group
Wednesday, January 13, 2021	6:30pm HS Youth Group
Sunday, January 17, 2021	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
Wednesday, January 20, 2021	6:00pm CCD 3rd & 4th Grades
Sunday, January 24, 2021	1:00pm CCD 5th & 6th grade; 2:30 MS Youth Group

Wednesday, January 27, 2021	6:30pm HS Youth Group
Sunday, January 31, 2021	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
Wednesday, February 3, 2021	6:00pm CCD 3rd & 4th Grades
Sunday, February 7, 2021	1:00pm CCD 5th & 6th grade; 2:30 MS Youth Group
Wednesday, February 10, 2021	6:30pm HS Youth Group
Sunday, February 14, 2021	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
Wednesday, February 17, 2021	6:00pm CCD 3rd & 4th Grades
Sunday, February 21, 2021	1:00pm CCD 5th & 6th grade; 2:30 MS Youth Group
Wednesday, February 24, 2021	6:30pm HS Youth Group
Sunday, February 28, 2021	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
Wednesday, March 3, 2021	6:00pm CCD 3rd & 4th Grades
Sunday, March 7, 2021	1:00pm CCD 5th & 6th grade; 2:30 MS Youth Group
Wednesday, March 10, 2021	6:30pm HS Youth Group
Sunday, March 14, 2021	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
Wednesday, March 17, 2021	6:00pm CCD 3rd & 4th Grades HOLY DAY - ASH WEDNESDAY
Sunday, March 21, 2021	1:00pm CCD 5th & 6th grade; 2:30 MS Youth Group
Wednesday, March 24, 2021	6:30pm HS Youth Group
Sunday, March 28, 2021	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
Wednesday, March 31, 2021	EASTER BREAK
Sunday, April 4, 2021	EASTER - NO CLASSES
Wednesday, April 7, 2021	6:30pm HS Youth Group
Sunday, April 11, 2021	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
Wednesday, April 14, 2021	6:00pm CCD 3rd & 4th Grades
Sunday, April 18, 2021	1:00pm CCD 5th & 6th grade; 2:30 MS Youth Group
Wednesday, April 21, 2021	6:30pm HS Youth Group
Sunday, April 25, 2021	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
Wednesday, April 28, 2021	6:00pm CCD 3rd & 4th Grades
Sunday, May 2, 2021	1:00pm CCD 5th & 6th grade; 2:30 MS Youth Group
Wednesday, May 5, 2021	6:30pm HS Youth Group
Sunday, May 9, 2021	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
Wednesday, May 12, 2021	6:00pm CCD 3rd & 4th Grades
Sunday, May 16, 2021	1:00pm CCD 5th & 6th grade; 2:30 MS Youth Group
Wednesday, May 19, 2021	6:30pm HS Youth Group
Sunday, May 23, 2021	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
Wednesday, May 26, 2021	6:00pm CCD 3rd & 4th Grades

Legend:

HOLIDAY	1:00pm CCD 5th & 6th grade; 2:30 MS Youth Group
HOLY DAY	6:30pm HS Youth Group
NO CLASS DAY	1:00pm CCD Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd Grades
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	6:00pm CCD 3rd & 4th Grades

NOTE: Times and/or dates subject to change

Please check webpage, facebook page or MyParish app for any updates

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2020-2021 Religious Education Registration



Parent's Information

Mothers Name:	
Fathers Name:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Address:	
City:	
State:	
Zip:	
Emergency Contact:	
Emergency Conact's Phone#:	
Do you use MyParish App?:	YES NO

Parents Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I would be willing to help with:

Being a Classroom Assistant	Snacks
Being a Substitute Teacher	Helping with Rosary

Child(ren) Information

Child's Name:			
Child's Birthday:			
Grade:			
Sacraments Received: (please circle)	Baptism	First Holy Communion	Confirmation
Allergies:			

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Parents' Pledge:

As parents, We promise to:

- Share our faith with our child daily
- Attend Mass with our child weekly
- Bring our child to CCD class weekly
- Make every effort ourself to learn more about our Catholic faith



All this we promise with the help of Christ, our Lord. Amen

Mothers Signature: _____

Father's Signature: _____

Child's Pledge:

I promise to:

- Ask my parents questions about being Catholic
- Sit as still as I possibly can and listen at Mass every week
- Listen and learn as much as possible from my CCD teacher

With Jesus' help I can do this. Amen.

Child's Signature: _____

Child's Signature: _____

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Child's Signature: _____

****Please return to the CRE****

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____, give permission for my child(ren)'s to be photographed and/or videotaped. They may be used on the parish website or the parish social media outlets.

Signature _____ Date _____

***This authorization form constitutes permission for my child(ren)'s participation in the videotaping and/or photography which may be taken during the program. They may be used on the parish website and/or social media sites. ***

-OR-

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____, **DO NOT** give permission for my child(ren)'s to be photographed and/or videotaped images to be used on the parish website or other parish social media outlets.

Signature _____ Date _____