



Holy Family Catholic Church

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Dear Parents,

The entire religious education staff at Holy Family Catholic Church would like to welcome you and your child(ren) to the CCD program for the 2021 – 2022 school year. We are excited to work with you and your child(ren) to help them grow in our faith. I am hopeful that this year will be a bit more normal than last year and so very thankful for everyone's patience in adjusting to a different plan last year. And I again ask for everyone's patience in dealing with planning for this upcoming school year as we are at the mercy of the Bishop in whatever he decides we can or can't do. I assure you that we will all do our very best to keep everyone safe while teaching the children about the Catholic faith.

This religious education program is a team effort between the parents, teachers and the children. 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. Please interact with your child(ren)! Ask them about what they learn at CCD each week. Feel free to ask myself or any of the teachers for extra take-home information that you can use to work with your child on a particular subject. If we don't have something readily available, we will get it by the next class meeting. I am here to help everyone with whatever they may need, please never be afraid to ask. 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 your family's priority list.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd DeGroot".

Todd DeGroot

Coordinator of Religious Education

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- Facemasks are optional while at CCD or Youth Activities, but we should still be sanitizing hands before any meals.
- 2- We all need to keep our 3 feet of social distance between each other.
- 3- We can have food again during gatherings, but with a few modifications. Food will have to be individually wrapped or made and served by a single person (No communal bowls or buffets).

These restrictions may change at any time during the school year, as we are at the discretion of the Bishop and Pastor. 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 or child's teacher 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 during class. Dresses should be modest, if worn.

Times-

CCD classes for GRADES Pre-K/K - 5 - will be Sundays @ 11:45am (after 10:30 Mass) to 12:45pm

Confirmation Classes for GRADE 6 - will be Sundays @ 4:30pm – 5:30pm.

Middle School Youth Group for GRADES 6 - 8 will be Sundays @ 5:45pm (After Confirmation Class) to 7:00pm.

High School Youth Group for GRADES 9 - 12 will be Wednesdays @ 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

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-

We welcome students to bring their friends to CCD with them, to show other kids what the Catholic faith is all about. However, **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-

We once again will plan to have snacks and juice boxes for the children before CCD. This is subject to change based on any future decree or recommendations from the Bishop or pastor.

Holy Family CCD Schedule

2021 - 2022 School Year

Sunday, September 19, 2021	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, Confirmation @4:30pm, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, September 26, 2021	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, Confirmation @4:30pm, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, October 3, 2021	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, Confirmation @4:30pm, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, October 10, 2021	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, Confirmation @4:30pm, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, October 17, 2021	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, Confirmation @4:30pm, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, October 24, 2021	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, Confirmation @4:30pm, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, October 31, 2021	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, Confirmation @4:30pm, MS Youth @5:45pm
Monday, November 1, 2021	ALL SAINTS DAY- Holy Day (Not Obligation)
Sunday, November 7, 2021	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, Confirmation @4:30pm, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, November 14, 2021	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, Confirmation @4:30pm, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, November 21, 2021	NO CCD OR YOUTH GROUP - CONFIRMATION @ 10:30 Mass
Sunday, November 28, 2021	NO CCD OR YOUTH GROUP - Happy Thanksgiving
Sunday, December 5, 2021	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Wednesday, December 8, 2021	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION
Sunday, December 12, 2021	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, December 19, 2021	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Friday, December 24, 2021	CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS - 5:30PM
Saturday, December 25, 2021	CHRISTMAS - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS@ 8 & 10:30AM
Sunday, December 26, 2021	NO CCD OR YOUTH GROUP - Merry Christmas Mass @ 8 & 10:30 ONLY, NO vigil Mass,
Saturday, January 1, 2022	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - HOLY DAY (Not Obligation) Mass @ 10:30am
Sunday, January 2, 2022	NO CCD OR YOUTH GROUP - Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 9, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm - Baptism of the Lord
Sunday, January 16, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, January 23, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, January 30, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, February 6, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, February 13, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, February 20, 2022	NO CCD OR YOUTH GROUP - Happy President's Day
Sunday, February 27, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Wednesday, March 2, 2022	ASH WEDNESDAY
Sunday, March 6, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, March 13, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
Sunday, March 20, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, March 27, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, April 3, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, April 10, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, April 17, 2022	NO CCD OR YOUTH GROUP - EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday, April 24, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, May 1, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, May 8, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, May 15, 2022	PreK- 5 @ 11:45am, MS Youth @5:45pm
Sunday, May 22, 2022	First Holy Communion

Teachers/Leaders

PreK/K

1st grade Ms. Ann Smith – call/text – 865-771-4241

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

3rd grade Ms. Jeannine Sessa – call/text – 631-767-7208

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

5th grade (pre-Confirmation)

Mr. Justin LaCroix – 865-361-0387

Ms. Amanda LaCroix

Ms. Misti DeGroot – text 865-405-5229

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 - 865-361-0387

Ms. Amanda LaCroix

Ms. Misti DeGroot – text 865-405-5229

Mr. Todd DeGroot – call/text 865-719-8744

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

Mr. Todd DeGroot – call/text 865-719-8744

Child(ren) Information

Child's Name:			
Child's Birthday:			
Grade:		Last CCD class completed	
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 when held.
- Make every effort ourselves 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: _____

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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 _____