

FAITH FORMATION

JUNE 21TH, 2020

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARENTS AND TEACHERS OF OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM: What do you THINK about on-line classes for all grades except Kindergarten next year? I would love to hear your comments on our FAITH FORMATION classes going ON-LINE. This would allow parents and their kids together, in their homes, to join in group discussions, while viewing all students, and the teacher (HOST) being able to hold conversations about their lessons and homework. Please, let me know what you think?

ALL TEACHERS FOR NEXT YEAR (FY2020-2021) – Where do you stand on all, except kindergarten, classes going ON-LINE? Please let me know. Biggest question I have for all the teachers is this, **Will you come back next year?** I'm not sure how it will be done or even when it will start but we must continue teaching the youth of our parish. Each TEACHER, for their grade level will be the HOST of the event lasting as long as necessary, and between Parents and Teaches, classes could be taught on different days or evening of the week if acceptable to all involved , video-conferencing can be used, you name it; let's talk about it. Call me or should I set up a CONFERENCE CALL SOON?

FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED – This coming year, Faith Formation is in need of several TEACHERS; one for the 5th grade, 4th grade, and possibly others. Please, GOD is asking you to look deep into your heart and commit yourself to help the youth of our Parish Community.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION TEACHERS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS – IC and MC families will be notified of the dates as soon as we find out.

PARISH WEBSITE INFORMATION– Please visit the Parish Website @ ICChurchmd.org often to learn about Parish and Faith Formation events. If you have any questions, please contact me (240-577-0923 or deacon.kyte@gmail.com).

CATECHETICAL OFFICE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON SUGGESTED PRAYERS AND ACTIVITIES LIST: Please review this list each week. We will be adding additional prayers and Activities from the Archdiocese when we receive them.

Spiritual: SLI Connect has developed a short reflection, *Finding Your Inner Contemplative*. This article invites us to consider using this time of social distancing to focus our gaze more intensely on the bit of God's creation right around and within you. The article is linked here: <https://www.sliconnect.org/finding-your-inner-contemplative/>.

Catechetical: The devotions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary we celebrate this week are beautiful reminders of God's passionate love for us. Attached are two resources for our younger students to trust in this merciful love and protection.

Self-Care: With the twin stresses of the pandemic and confronting racism, we may find ourselves feeling angry and frustrated with others. SLI Connect has developed a short reflection, *The Goodness of Anger*, with tips on how to address anger directly to mend and even strengthen relationships: <https://www.sliconnect.org/the-goodness-of-anger/>.

As our Religious Education year comes to an end, we pray for all of the Catechists and Religious Education families of our Parish. Although their year ended in an unusual way, we all have hope for a faith-filled exciting beginning of a new school year in 2020-2021.

Deacon Bill