

September 21, 2020

Dear St. Michael Religious Education Parents,

Hello! My name is Cary Anderson and I am the new Coordinator of Youth Ministry here at St. Michael. I will be the catechist for our confirmation candidates this year. This letter is specifically intended for all families with children that are eligible for the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Michael Parish. Whether you have children who are new to the program or have a returning student, we hope you are considering registering here this fall 2020/21. Included in this email, you will find a copy of the registration or you may register online on the [stmichaelgl.org](http://stmichaelgl.org) website.

I am here to support you in your journey as a parent who seeks to raise their children in a faith that reflects the teachings of Jesus Christ. Our mission is to empower parents as the primary educators of your child's faith and to help you fulfill the baptismal promise you made when you had your child/children baptized. This mission is the reason for our Religious Education classes and indeed all our programs for children and teens.

**This year, we are offering in person Confirmation classes.**

- We will be meeting once per month, from 9:45-10:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The schedule currently is the first Sunday of each month, except for April where we will meet the second Sunday (see attached schedule)

**First class Oct. 4 at from 9:45 am-10:45 am in the Fellowship Hall.**

Plan to attend a brief informational meeting on Sunday September 27, at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. This will allow for us to meet and answer any questions you may have. Please remember to wear a mask.

- We will be using material from the "Chosen Program" offered through Ascension Press.
- Students will be included as members of our high school Youth Group. We will be meeting every Sunday from 6-8 in the Siena room. They will receive continued formation and enjoy fellowship with fellow high schoolers.
- Opportunities are planned for the Youth Group to have meetings throughout the year that include the middle schoolers of our parish.

The schedule for the 2020-2021 school year is attached to this this email for your planning purposes.

## REGISTRATION AND PAYMENTS:

Please find below the links for online registration and payment processing. Please register as soon as possible! It is greatly appreciated as it helps us determine class sizes and resources. **[Click here to register.](#)**

If you prefer paper registration, hard copies and a downloadable form is available. Registration forms and payments may be made online, mailed or dropped off to the parish office or placed in the Sunday collection basket. Regular Parish Office hours are Monday- Friday 8:30 am-4:00 pm. **Payment is encouraged upon registration please.** Monthly statements will be emailed. We never want the cost to deter registration, so periodic payments may be made, or other options are available if experiencing financial strain due to Covid-19. Please contact Cary Anderson for support with this.

The safety of the children and all our volunteers is essential as we return to Religious Education this fall. The RE programs will be utilizing the MI Safe Schools plan, CDC requirements, Barry-Eaton District Health Department, and the Diocese of Lansing Guidelines. Please See the attached St. Michael Religious Education Formation COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan for instructions and information.

*Parents are required to sign and return the attached agreement relating to screening your child for Covid-19. Please have your child bring a signed copy of the agreement when they arrive on October 4. Heath screenings must be completed each week.*

For questions and concerns please do not hesitate to contact me, Cary Anderson at the information below. We pray for a safe return to our religious education classes and look forward to seeing everyone in October!

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