



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

2020-2021 Faith Formation Year

Guidelines in light of COVID-19 concerns

The goal of Sacred Heart's formational programming is to raise up missionary disciples of Jesus Christ – disciples who are holy, healthy, and happy. The below options/guidelines will be implemented for the 2020/21 Faith Formation year at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in response to the ongoing pandemic.

For the youth of our parish it is important to note that all the formation the parish offers is considered supplemental to the role of parents as the **primary and nearly irreplaceable** formators of their children in the ways of faith. Sacred Heart seeks to build up the domestic Church in each home as a place where Christian virtue, prayer, and life is passed on from one generation to the next.

Faith Formation Option 1 – In person classes

- Wednesday night grades 1-6 faith formation classes this year will be from **5:30 – 6:30pm** on Wednesdays according to the Faith Formation calendar.
- CGS atrium sessions will at various times on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (see CGS registration form) according to the CGS calendar.
- Youth small groups meet at various times throughout the week. Youth large group events will be at 7pm on Wednesdays according to the Youth Formation calendar.
- Students who are experiencing illness (fever, coughing, shortness of breath, fatigue, nausea, etc.) should please not come to class. Please let us know if your child will be missing class due to illness or for an extended period of time.
- Students and parents are to arrive 10 minutes early so that student's temperatures can be taken with a non-touch forehead thermometer. Students with a fever or a consistent cough will be asked to go home for their own and other student's safety. Wednesday night faith formation students and parents are to come to the parish social hall at 5:20pm,
- Students are to either use hand sanitizer or antibacterial soap to wash their hands before sessions. Wednesday night individual classes will depart from the social hall to go their classrooms.
- You are welcome to wear a mask but they are not required. Social distancing will be followed to the extent possible.

Faith Formation Option 2 – Exclusively at home option

We recognize that in person classes, even with the above safety mitigation measures, carries an inherent risk of infection. As an alternative option to in person faith formation, book materials may be used in conjunction with an online learning program for the Grades 1-6 Faith and Life Series within the home environment. Similar at home options are available within the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd model. These option would include regular contact with parish staff as we seek to support you in homeschooling your children. The 'at home' option may be used either for the entirety of the year or during segments of the year when students may have to be isolated due to potential exposure.

The Faith and Life Series online learning management system is available for a \$21 fee per grade level for the whole year. If this is a financial difficulty please let parish staff know as scholarships are available.