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Saint Isidore the Farmer will be offering one Faith Formation program with several options for families to choose from. Please select the type of learning that best suits your family and student(s). Start date for all options is the week of October 18, 2020.

- **Traditional classroom learning offered in various locations at various times.**
- **Home Schooling**
  - **Cyber learning which will utilize the OSV websites and online resources in conjunction with the textbook.**
  - **Textbook and no online resources.**

Since five of the six parishes offered Faith Formation on Sunday morning in the past, it is impossible for Donna Lew-Buechel, Director of Faith Formation to be at all sites at one time. Many of you responded with times and locations that work best and we thank you for your input. We are offering four different sessions. Our goal is to make it possible for our families to attend traditional classes if they choose in a location and at a time that can be accessible.

Below are the locations and times:

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| • <b>St. Alphonsus Site:</b>       | <b>Sunday morning 9:30 to 11:00 am</b>  |
| • <b>St. Columbkille Site:</b>     | <b>Monday evening 6:00 to 7:30 pm</b><br><b>Wednesday evening 6:00 to 7:30 pm</b> |
| • <b>St. Michael Site:</b>         | <b>Sunday evening 6:00 to 7:30 pm (church hall)</b>                               |
| • <b>Our Lady Of Lourdes Site:</b> | <b>Tuesday evening 6:00 to 7:30 pm</b>  |

The St Patrick site is not being used as social distancing would be difficult due to the use of tables and walking through one class area to reach another class area. St. Ann site is not being used as the size of the area for classes is too small to social distance. St. Michael will be utilizing the hall with partitions from St. Ann's. The class area will be set up so crossing through one class to another is eliminated. Also, the restrooms are on the same level which is safer for the children and teachers.

You may register your children directly through the parish website via the online form, which can be found at <https://www.stisidorethefarmer.org/grades-k-8-ccd-1> > <https://www.stisidorethefarmer.org/ccd>. It will be available starting the evening of Monday, September 28. Or, you may register your children using the paper registration form included in this mailing, which can be returned through US mail or email by October 12, 2020.

All students will receive a textbook to be picked up at a scheduled time for Cyber / Homeschooling or will be given the first night of class. All textbooks will be enclosed in a zip lock bag with the student's name.

Depending on the enrollment of students for traditional learning at each site, sessions may be weekly or bi-weekly. Families will **only** be notified if bi-weekly classes are necessary. As this will maintain safe social distancing in the traditional learning environment.

We are asking that students to bring their own supplies such as pencils, markers, crayons etc as we cannot have communal supplies. Students will also be given a zip lock bag with their name on it at the first class. This bag will remain on site with their bagged textbook and they will be the only person touching the contents.

Due to CDC guidelines, water fountains will not be accessible. We are asking that all students bring a bottle of water to class each week. We ask that only water be brought and no food or snacks at this time.

All students, unless a medical condition is present, must wear a mask at all times. Teachers will give the appropriate mask breaks as outlined in the CDC and the Diocese of Pittsburgh Guidelines. Hallways, stairs etc will be marked for visual social distancing cues. If symptoms are noticed or reported the student will be brought to Donna Lew-Buechel and their temperature will be taken. The student's parents / guardians will be notified. The student will remain in the isolation area until they are picked up.

Also, enclosed in this mailing is a COVID-19 Memorandum of Understanding for on-site (traditional) learning that all families must complete and return with their registration. Under the Diocese of Pittsburgh Guidelines students cannot attend on-site learning without this completed and on file.

We thank you for being patient during this time of change and uncertainty. Saint Isidore the Farmer Parish will not seek any registration fee or payment this year. We are keeping all our families in our prayers.

Please feel free to contact Donna Lew-Buechel with any questions or concerns regarding Faith Formation. [dlew-buechel@stisidorethefarmer.org](mailto:dlew-buechel@stisidorethefarmer.org) or 724-695-2146 (office) or 724-986-2557 (cell).

Sincerely,

St. Isidore the Farmer Parish Faith Formation