



Dear Partners in Faith,

Considering all that has been happening with COVID-19, you most likely will not be surprised to learn that we have adjusted our Faith Formation Program for 2020-2021. We delayed start up, hoping that the pandemic would subside. However, after a great deal of consultation and investigation we have come to the conclusion that the best and safest way for classes to take place is for them to be held remotely in the home under the supervision of parents with the guidance of our Catechists and Faith Formation Staff (at least through the end of calendar year 2020). Church documents state that parents are the primary religious educators of their children. Our strategy will be to provide you with all the materials you need to help you fulfill this role. We know, too, that family life has become even more demanding and hectic. Yet, our catechetical challenge remains the same.

Our catechetical vocation calls us to take first things first. First, we must be people of prayer—for prayer is the bedrock of our relationship with Jesus. Our lives are busy. We struggle with personal issues and needs. Yet, in the midst of all this, there is only one source of life, and that is prayer. One component of each lesson should be prayer. ***What a gift it is to pray as a family and how important it is to do so.*** Father Schultz's 'personal' prayer for all of you is that families will make time to pray the Rosary together on a weekly basis. This prayer is so much a part of his life and he hopes it will be for you also. He has found that adding a personal intention before each decade helps those praying it to remain focused, while gaining an understanding as to how profoundly our prayers are needed.

Reading assignments, activity sheets and, yes, some tests will be emailed to the home on a regular basis. Completed lessons/worksheets/tests will be returned to the respective catechists. As a result of this procedure, attendance, of a sort, will be determined. Eventually, we hope to provide YouTube videos for you to watch along with additional activities but we want to start slowly.

The registration form is available on our new website: stannechristourlight.com under the tab Faith Formation. Some resources have also been placed there that we hope are of interest to you. Our plan is to begin remote lessons on Sunday, November 1 (All Saints Day). It is our hope that we will be able to gather in person occasionally. If you know of a family that would like to enroll their children in the Faith Formation Program but who may not have access to email, please have them contact me as soon as possible. I can be reached at: (315) 963-7182 or (315) 402-9241. Please be assured that we are here for anything you may need.

Once we know who the students are in the First Communion and Confirmation classes, parent meetings will be scheduled.

In the event you may not be aware, our weekend Masses have resumed in both churches. We hope to see you at one of them.

Saturday Vigil Masses	St. Anne, Mother of Mary	4:00 P.M.
	Christ Our Light	5:15 P.M.
Sunday Morning Masses	St. Anne, Mother of Mary	9:00 A.M.
	Christ Our Light	10:30 A.M.

In a time when many are worried that some Catholics may not return to the practice of their faith, our response can be taken from St. Peter in Scripture: ***“Where else are we going to go, Lord. You have the words of everlasting life.”***

Your Servant in Christ.

Linda Buckley