

# ST. BRIDGET FAITH FORMATION 2020-2021

## On Campus Safety and Online Children's Formation Procedures 2020-2021

### ON-LINE FAITH FORMATION:

- **Family Groups-** families will be divided into small faith communities by zip code or proximity to one another. This will help connect St. Bridget families that live near each other, and to build community. Each group will contain approximately 5 families. (group size, dependent on enrollment)
- **Catechists-** one catechist will be assigned to every small group.

### Weekly lessons:

- **Living Grace-** I will record the Gospel, art piece and story, ideally lasting only 15-minutes, and upload to You Tube.
- **Parents-** receive the weekly lesson by email on Tuesday. When not meeting with their catechist leader, parents teach the lesson to their children. Specifically focusing on the Gospel and family question and activity.

### Bi-weekly lessons with Catechist:

- **Zoom-** Catechists will each be asked to sign up for a free Zoom account. This type of account allows for 40 mins of free time online.
- **Small groups-** For continuity, we will keep class times as we would normally.
  - **Wednesday's 6 pm-** families log onto zoom, catechists greet small group and watch the opening portion of class (art piece, Gospel and story). You Tube video is added to zoom no need to log on to 2 different sites (zoom and You Tube).
- **Catechist lessons -** catechists will teach their small group the lesson for the week adjusting for varying age ranges, instead of teaching to a specific age group.
  - This includes teaching the weekly Gospel (Living Grace), catholic tradition (Classroom text "Called to Faith"), assigning a question of the week and family activity (Living Grace).
  - We will encourage home journals for Lectio Divina or practicing Centering prayer at home.
  - Print outs for family craft projects will be emailed before Wednesday or will be available at kiosk by elevator. (per catechist request, not necessary for program. To be done on families own time)
  - All classes will end with the same prayer to keep our Faith Formation community united in prayer.
  - Zoom class time will not take longer than the 40 free mins allotted.

### Parent Training:

- **Online learning-** families will be introduced to the online process of Faith Formation on the first day of class on campus. (or on a special parent training day, with proper safety, in case we can't gather date TBD)
- **Teaching tools-** parents/guardians will be trained on using the Living Grace Program, Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer with children at home.
- **Small Groups-** families will be introduced to the other families in their small group and to their lead catechist within the first few classes on campus.

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### GATHERING ON CAMPUS:

Please do not come to class if you or anyone in your family, living with you is feeling sick.

This includes a cough, sore throat, fever, headache, stomachache etc.

Thank you for keeping others healthy.

### We begin inside the church:

- **Masks-** must be worn by all over age 3 while inside any building on campus. Simple mask lanyards will be provided.
- **Sanitizing stations-** everyone must use the sanitizing stations when entering all buildings. Basement classrooms included.
- **Social distancing-** will continue to be followed in the church building. Family groups sit together. Children will not be encouraged to sit around the storyteller in front of the altar.

### Class time procedures:

- **Dismissal of Children to class/catechists** - will be staggered, using back exit doors for grades 4-8, using the stairwell by the elevator and front church doors for grades 1-3, using the stairwell by the pond to minimize a crowd in the stairwells.
- **Sanitation Stations-** will be used by all entering the basement, before entering the classrooms.
- **Social Distancing-** will be implemented in the classrooms, when possible. Masks will be required in the classroom if it is not possible to keep adequate social distancing norms.
- **School supplies-** will not be shared. All students will have their own supplies in a plastic pencil box assigned to them for the year.
  - Supplies include:
  - Scissors, crayon box, 2-pencils with erasers, pencil sharpener, and glue stick.
  - Supplies in each box will be numbered according to the box number to avoid sharing of items.
  - Personal Lectio Divina journals will be placed with pencil box on desk. No distribution needed.

### End of class procedures:

- **Supplies-** students will put school supplies back into their box and leave them on the desk. Journals will be placed under their box.
- **Sanitation-** students will sanitize their hands before leaving the classroom.
- **Masks-** will be put on if they were removed in class.
- **Catechists-** will wipe down the outside of all pencil boxes before leaving.
- **Preparation for dismissal of Children to parent-** Classes will return to church beginning at 7:20 using their assigned stairwells, allowing for distance between classes. All classes will use the church front doors and sit in their assigned class area. (TBD)
- **Parent wearing a mask-** will pick up children in the church.

### Disinfecting:

- **All classroom surfaces-** counters, tables, chairs, doors knobs and light switches must be disinfected before the next class meeting.
- **Library-** to be disinfected early the next morning when bible study is scheduled.

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**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (on campus only):**

**All gathering, safety, sanitation and dismissal procedures mentioned previously will also apply to CGS.**

**Classroom safety practices: (Taken from, The United States association of CGS)**

- **Discussing new practices-** no touching, hugging, and how to show sign of peace.
- **Restricting freedom to choose** where children would like to sit, with whom to work (how close they can work with another and whether they can work with another) or what to work on. The freedom to make choice will still be present, with some parameters.
- **Assigned working stations-** Children will have set places to work instead of moving to different places during the session.
- **Supplies-** Each child will have their own clipboard and writing supplies to use for the year.
- **Hand Sanitation-** Catechists will closely monitor children. In case there is a need to re-sanitize their hands throughout the session. This will help keep all works "clean".
- **Works-** That cannot be wiped down with a disinfectant will be lightly sprayed with a disinfectant before the next session.