

Parish Religious Education News

The St. Jude Parish Religious Education Department has been working very hard to develop a plan for our PRE families this year in spite of the challenges presented to us due to the Corona Virus. Our goal is to offer religious education opportunities in the on-campus setting, if possible, and to do so with all safety guidelines in place. We realize that some families may prefer to homeschool, and we will strive to provide at-home learning opportunities in a way that meet the needs of your child's situation. As you are aware, during this time we will all need to be patient and flexible as even the best plans will likely be altered in some way as we move through the year. We will work together, as we always have, to bring our beautiful Catholic faith to our youngest parishioners. Please take note of the following points:

*Registration Forms are due TODAY, Sept 9. Please turn them in with fees and baptismal certificates if your child is receiving a sacrament this year.

*There will be NO CLASS today- families will turn in forms, pay fees, and find out more information about class structure and classroom locations. **Details about sacraments will also be given out.**

*First day of actual class is Wednesday, Sept 16. Class is from 6:15-7:30pm. **All students MUST BE WALKED TO THEIR BUILDINGS.** Only those who signed up by today can attend class on the 16th.

* PRE will begin **at 6:15pm instead of 6:30** to allow for more time to follow protocols such as temp checks, hand sanitizing, signing in, cleaning afterward, etc. **Visions (6th-8th) meet at 6pm.**

*This year's calendar looks very similar to our usual PRE schedule. Please pick one up and keep it handy. It will be a starting point. It will probably change.

*The health of our students and our Catechists will be a primary focus in all decisions about PRE.

Masks will be required for ALL STUDENTS and TEACHERS. Temperatures will be taken of all students and teachers. Please provide your own mask.

* We will follow St Jude School in terms of in-class learning or at-home, **NOT HAMILTON COUNTY.** In other words, if Hamilton County Schools decide to switch to at-home learning the first semester, but St Jude School is still meeting in person, PRE WILL ALSO MEET IN PERSON. Only if St Jude School deems it necessary to close down will PRE also not meet. Communication about these changes will be done via the Church bulletin, our Church website, Facebook, vestibule bulletin board, email, etc. (We may change this guideline after Christmas.)

* This year will be DIFFERENT!! I'm sure it already has been for everybody, in every way. PRE is no exception. Patience and prayers required!