

Middle School and High School Religious Education

Dear Families of St. Michael the Archangel Parish,

As we approach the new school year amidst these uncertain times, I would like to offer a word of encouragement from St. Paul:

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

It is important to grow in trust of God’s loving providence for each of our lives, and to deepen our relationship with the Lord through the cultivation of our faith. Providing religious education for our youth is especially important in these difficult times, which is why Bishop Hying has asked all parishes to continue to offer in-class instruction, since formation of the whole person in the knowledge and practice of the Faith is accomplished most effectively in person. With this in mind, we will implement new safety policies in our classrooms, including social distancing, face coverings, and sanitation. Class time will be reduced to 1-hour sessions with the expectation of some home review and family discussion between sessions each week, based on the flipped classroom model.

For families who prefer not to send their children to class in person, we are offering a home study option for grades 1-9, in which textbooks and lesson plans will be provided for parents to teach their children at home, with periodic check-ins with Sonja (grades 1-5) or myself (grades 6-9).

This upcoming school year will certainly bring new challenges, but let us continue to place our trust in the Lord and grow more deeply in his friendship during the months ahead.

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Time and Location:

Middle School: 6:00-7:00 PM
St. Ignatius Basement (Grades 6-8)

High School: 7:15-8:15 PM
St. Ignatius Basement—Confirmation prep (grade 9) and Post-Confirmation (grades 10-12)



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2020-2021 Calendar

September | 23 | 30 |

October | 7 | 14 | 21 |

November | 4 | 11 | 18 |

December | 2 | 9 | 16 |

January | 6 | 20 | 27 |

February | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |

March | 3 | 17 | 24 |

April | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |

Holy Days of Obligation*

August 15: Assumption of Mary

November 1: All Saints Day

December 8: Immaculate Conception

December 25: Christmas Day

January 1: Mary, Mother of God

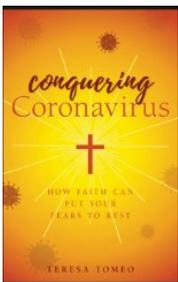
*The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days is still in effect, while public Mass is offered for those who wish to attend in person.

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E-Book: Conquering Coronavirus

Whether the coronavirus still threatens you, your friends, and your family or has harmed someone you love, these pages will ease your fears, heal your wounds, quench your sorrow, and bring you the consolation God provides to all who seek Him in pestilential times like these — times that are, in fact, not foreign to our ancient Faith.

Audio Talk: In God We trust

During these challenging times, there is a critical need to focus on defending our religious liberty as stated in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. In these highly informative presentations, Bishop David Malloy and Monsignor Eric Barr show us that protection of religious freedom is fundamental for Catholics, as well as for people of all faiths.



Movie: Freedom

Two men separated by 100 years are united in their search for freedom. In 1856 a slave, Samuel Woodward, and his family escape from the Monroe Plantation near Richmond, Virginia. A secret network of ordinary people known as the Underground Railroad guide the family on their journey north to Canada. They are relentlessly pursued by the notorious slave hunter Plimpton. Hunted like a dog and haunted by the unthinkable suffering he and his forbears have endured, Samuel is forced to decide between revenge or freedom.

Biography: St. Teresa of Avila

A powerful epic mini-series shot on location in Spain that tells the story of one of the most amazing women in history, St. Teresa of Avila. With meticulous attention to detail and historical accuracy, outstanding production values, and an incredible performance by actress Concha Velasco as Teresa, this acclaimed major film production is the definitive film on the life of this great saint.

