

## St Patrick Religious Education Program

2021-2022



### *General Religious Education Plan – In Person:*

- Weekly in-person classes in a multiage setting
- Weekly classes will be held from 10-11am on Sundays
- Monthly family-based meetings including Seasonal topics, Adoration, and Reconciliation
- Students will be grouped in the following age groups
  - Kindergarten and First grades
  - Second grade
  - Third and Fourth grades
  - Fifth and Sixth grades
  - Seventh grade
  - Eighth grade
- There is an expectation in our program that students will be attending weekly mass and parents will partner with our program through monthly meetings, family discussions, and daily prayer at home
- We will be using Loyola Press “Christ Our Life” series
  - All of the multi-aged classrooms will be using the “older” book for the age group to prevent repetition from this year’s lesson
- A covenant agreement will be signed by the families that they will uphold the expectations of the program

**\*\*We will follow all current mitigations regarding masks and social distancing as required by our Diocese and with consideration of state recommendations\*\***

**\*\*If you are still not comfortable with your children meeting in person, please contact Lisa Johnson at 815-385-2959 or [reoffice@stpatrickmchenry.org](mailto:reoffice@stpatrickmchenry.org) for more information about a hybrid option\*\***



### *First Communion Preparation Plan 2021-2022:*

- A meeting with a parent and the First Communicants from RE, Montini and Homeschool programs will be held once a month during the scheduled RE class from 10-11am. Families are welcome to come as well, providing there is space. Pre-registration will be required to keep numbers under 50 people gathered.
- These meetings would occur on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 10-11am in Muldoon Hall. If a child cannot attend, follow up virtual meetings will be scheduled.
- We will be using a lessons from the Blessed program
- There will be a spring retreat, including First Reconciliation in April 2022
- We intend to plan for First Communion on May 2022

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### *First and Second Year Confirmation Preparation Plan 2021-2022:*

- Both First and Second grade Confirmation candidates from RE, Montini and Homeschool programs, will meet on the one Sunday of the month from 10-11:30am. First Year candidates will meet on the first Sunday of the month. The Second Year candidates will meet on the second Sunday of the month. If a child cannot attend, follow up virtual meetings will be scheduled.
- Parents will meet on the same day as their candidate's meeting to cover same information that is covered in student portion in the Lane room
- We will be using the Decision Point program, however, some videos may be asked to be watched before arriving.
- We will request Confirmation Mass with the Bishop in spring 2022 for the Second Year Candidates

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