

Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

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Dear Parents—

As you are all well aware, we are in a very challenging and unprecedented time right now. Finding normalcy during this time can be challenging.

As we move towards our upcoming school year, Sacred Heart is committed to creating as much normalcy as possible. With that, as a parish and community of faith, it is our responsibility to ensure the safety and well being of the students of our Religious Education Program. As we approach the upcoming school year, we as a parish have made a decision to have the 2020/2021 school year be a **HOME** based learning program for our students.

What does this mean moving forward?

Parents will be asked to pick up a hard copy of your child's textbook for their assigned grade on either **Monday, August 24th**, **Wednesday, August 26th**, or **Monday, August 31st** between the hours of 5PM—7PM in the church's main vestibule. This will also be a time we will be accepting registrations for students who need to be registered, if you have not done so already. The registration fee of \$50.00 will be waived for this year's academic school year. Any parent who has already submitted payment, will be sent back his/her check.

Each class will have weekly assignments assigned to them by their teacher that will have a completion date for them to be returned to the teacher either via email, or dropping it off at the church rectory attention Religious Education Program. Each grade will also be assigned the prayer requirements for their corresponding grade. We are encouraging parents to participate and help with your child's religious education throughout the school year. Details of deadlines for assignments will be provided to you when you pick up your child's textbook.

Confessions for the students in grades 3 through 8 will be held on Monday, November 30th beginning at 5PM in the Church. Grades 3, 4, and 5 are asked to report at 5PM and grades 6,7,8 at 5:30PM. A reminder will be sent out to all parents as we get closer to the date. Parents are asked to stay with their child as they will receive the sacrament and then be dismissed.

For our students who will be receiving the sacraments this year, there will be a deadline for when paperwork concerning the sacraments will need to be returned by. It is our hope should conditions improve in the new year that we will be able to hold our yearly sacramental workshops—more information will follow on this when the time gets near.

It is with great hope that as we move forward, although in a different type of setting, we can still together provide the best religious education to your child this school year.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask or reach out!

God Bless,

Patrick Sandt and Karen Donato

Important Dates concerning 2020/2021 Religious Education Program

Registration/Textbook pickup

Monday, August 24th, Wednesday, August 26th, or Monday, August 31st
5PM—7PM in the Church Main Vestibule

Weekly Assignments begin September 7th, 2020 from teachers

No Weekly Assignments will be assigned on the following weeks
November 23rd
December 21st

Confessions: November 30th, 2020 beginning at 5PM

First Penance Celebration: Saturday, February 20th, 2021 at 9:30AM

Confirmation: Thursday, March 11th, 2021—hosted by St. Ursula

First Communion Celebration: Saturday, May 1st, 2021 at 10AM

Monday, May 3rd, 2021: Last weekly assignment for 2020/2021 to be assigned