

COVID19 Prevention Steps

During the first few weeks of the program, a health professional will talk to students about being safe in the midst of COVID-19, what steps we are taking and why, and what they can do. We may have the speaker return mid-year for a refresher on being safe from the virus.

Faith Formation is a purely volunteer-run effort; everyone with a role in this program is a volunteer. We have welcomed volunteers of all ages in the past, but for the coming school year, we must aim for volunteers to be under age 65. Please consider volunteering if you are low risk, and consider if you have younger family members who can help.

- 1 Late Wednesday afternoon, before we arrive, St Matthew custodial staff will sanitize the spaces we use. They will clean after we leave, before staff arrives Thursday morning.
- 2 Children, teachers, and helpers who are not feeling well **MUST** stay home.
- 3 Two front desk volunteers will do forehead temperature checks on arriving students. Parents will wait until their children clear the temperature check.
- 4 When inside a building teachers and students will wear a mask that covers nose & mouth.
- 5 Each classroom will have a sanitation table with hand sanitizer and extra masks.
- 6 Classrooms will be in the bigger spaces in Parish Center so students can be spread out. We will NOT have large-group gatherings in church except for Mass or sacrament prep.
- 7 We will stagger start and dismissal times to reduce traffic in and out of building. Please be timely about bringing your student(s) and about picking them up promptly after dismissal.

STUDENT GROUP	CLASS TIME
Grades K, 1	6:30 to 7:30 PM
Grades 2, 3 (1 st Communion prep)	6:30 to 7:35 PM
Grades 3, 4, 5 (not 1 st Communion)	6:45 to 7:45 PM
Grades 6, 7	7 to 8 PM
Grades 8+ (Confirmation)	7 to 8 PM

SCHEDULE First evening of class is September 23 and the last evening is May 5. There will be 2 in-person classes a month for students in the program who are not preparing for sacraments. For students preparing for sacraments, there will be extra class nights and on the extra class nights, we will be joined (probably) by Community of Saints students who are also preparing for sacraments. About one week a month will be a remote learning evening; details on the format of that evening are to come. Schedule is subject to change as needed.

SACRAMENTS First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation may not get scheduled until 2021, and if the schedule has to change, it will. Those preparing for sacraments will need to be flexible, as the 2019-2020 sacrament families have been.

