

CFP Late Summer and Autumn 2021

As I have said many times in the past, our religious education/faith formation programs are not for everyone. We can only do one program at a time; we cannot run customized programs tailored to individual needs and wants.

We offer this program with good will, and we trust that it will be received with good will.

In order to comply as fully as possible with CDC recommendations and guidelines in consultation with local public health authorities regarding unvaccinated children: all indoor CFP sessions, classes, and activities will require EVERYONE REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS to wear a mask fully covering the mouth and nose upon entering a building, while in the building, and until fully exiting the building.

There will be no exceptions so if that is something that you can or will not embrace please advise the CFP Office of your intent to opt for the Sunday Mass option or withhold your child from participation this year. If we do not hear from you by, August 1, 2021, we will assume you want to continue with your family in this class model.

Class sessions for grades 1-5 will be on Saturday mornings from 9-11AM, beginning August 21, 2021, divided into three session placements (A, B, C) with no early or late sessions—all will meet at same time each Saturday.

But there will only be one session each Saturday.

So your child will be meeting in class once every three weeks with breaks that roughly correspond to the school calendars.

Additionally, each child with at least one parent will be required to participate in at least one Sunday Mass in our parish once a month.

The same schedule will be in place for 6, 7, and 8th grade but on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00PM, divided into three session placements (A, B, C) with only one grade per week beginning August 23, 2021.

The 9th grade Confirmation program will meet monthly probably on Sunday afternoons, but that schedule needs to be worked out as we ascertain vaccination status and catechist availability among other issues.

One absence will be allowed in each section, an additional absence of the child requires that the child will be deferred until the next school year. Extended illness in the family may be cause for exceptions to this policy.

We are doing the best that we can, and our priority is to keep your child and our staff safe by heeding the policies recommended by public health officials. The impression that the pandemic is over is not based on the facts of viral mutation and infection.

These programs require additional catechists to share their faith with these children. The primary qualities that I look for in catechists are kindness, a caring attitude, and a gentle touch. If you are at all interested, please contact Kathy Hansen our director at 219.322.6124 ext.308. Or talk to me after Mass or give me a call at 865.8956 ext. 304.

Hopefully, we can find creative ways to feed our children with ideas and experiences that resonate with the good and generous hearts that they brought into this world with them. CWN