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Dear Religious Education Parents,

This has been a very unusual year and we have many questions entering into this coming school year. We are so excited to have you join us for our Religious Education program this year! We have been working hard to get ready for classes this fall amid this global pandemic. We are looking forward to collaborating with you and continuing to walk with you on your child/ren's faith journey. This cooperative effort should be an exciting adventure for all of us!

After studying the surveys and reflecting on some of the questions that arose, along with concerns about how many volunteers are needed versus current number of volunteers, a plan has been created. I am excited by the opportunity that our current situation has placed before us, and I feel the Holy Spirit guiding the direction we are taking. After much deliberation, the RE committee agreed that the best action right now is to begin with family based Religious Education done virtually. We are focusing on the family *for those that have multiple children* in order to help alleviate the time commitment, and grow closer as a Catholic faith-based family. Information will still be provided and lessons will be taught, but families will be expected to interact with the material together. Our hope is to be able to build back to in person instruction when we feel it is safe to do so.

The course work and lessons will be provided utilizing the Flipgrid platform. I will create a video showing how to access and utilize this platform. Each week new items will be posted to help the family grow in their learning on a given topic. Families will be assigned to different catechists who will interact with them on this journey. The Flipgrid platform will allow families to record their responses to the weekly topic. Each family will be expected to take time over the course of the week to go over the materials provided, as well as take time to record and submit a video response. The catechists will be viewing these videos and will respond. New material will be posted by Wednesday night and families will be expected to have responded by the following Wednesday. For instance, if material was given on Wednesday, September 2, then responses would be expected to be posted by Wednesday, September 9. This way each family can go over the material when it is most convenient for them.

For those who will be preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this year we will be having a few meeting nights to prepare specifically for those Sacraments. Our Seniors will have their own schedule leading to Confirmation on November 4th.

Included in this mailing you will find a tentative schedule as well as the registration form. We look forward to working with your family this year to continue your child/ren's faith growth. Remember that this is new for all of us. Let us all take small steps together to work with the Holy Spirit and to be patient with one another as we venture on this new path. Your catechist will contact you as we near the beginning of our schedule. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Carrie Aimers at goodshepherd.reprogram@gmail.com or 920-849-9363 ext. 117.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely throughout the year because as we know, other than God, the only thing constant this year is change. We will keep you informed as quickly as possible. We ask for your patience and understanding throughout this ever-evolving situation.

Class Dates

Date	Class Description
September 16	1st Reconciliation- 3rd Graders
September 19-20	Attend Mass in person or virtually in place of our Opening Mass
September 23	Class 1
September 30	Class 2
Saturday, October 3	1st Eucharist Retreat- 3rd Graders
Oct. 7	Class 3
Oct. 11	1st Eucharist- 3rd Graders
Oct. 14	Class 4
Oct. 21	Class 5
Oct. 28	Class 6
Nov. 4	Class 7 and Confirmation at 7:00 PM
Nov. 11	Class 8
Nov. 25	NO CLASS- Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 2	Class 9
Tuesday, Dec. 8:	Immaculate Conception- Holy Day of Obligation- attend Mass in person or virtually
Dec. 9	Class 10
Dec. 16	Class 11
Dec. 23	Class 12

Sincerely,

Carrie Aimers
RE Coordinator