

August 6, 2020

Dear Holy Redeemer Family,

I hope that this letter finds you well. It is that time of year again when students are heading back to school. This means that it is also time to register your students for Sunday Religious Education. Because of all of the changes going on in the world around us, things will look a bit different this year with our program. Here are the details:

- Classes for this semester begin August 23 and will wrap up just before Christmas. Classes will resume January 3 and conclude at the end of April. Please see the attached schedule for more details.
- Class times are 8:30 am to 9:45 am (unless Mass times would be adjusted).
- In order to increase class size, with the hope that a larger class will increase student engagement, we have combined several of the grades as follows:
 - KN/1st Grade: Catechist- Renee Kast
 - 2nd Grade: Catechist- Cindy Myers
 - 3rd/4th Grade: Catechist- Cathy Osborne
 - 5th/6th Grade: Catechist- Andrea Theriac
 - 7th/8th Grade: Catechist- Marianne Webster
- The 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th Grade curriculum will be covered this year. Next year the KN, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th Grade curriculum will be covered. With this rotation, all of the age appropriate material will get covered in the classroom with your students between this year and next.
- In the instance that we would need to halt in-classroom meetings due to the increased rate of Covid-19 infection (or other), classes will meet online via Zoom during the same scheduled time period each Sunday (8:30 am-9:45 am). More information will be communicated if the need arises.
- Each student will receive a hard copy of the Faith & Life series student book that will remain in the classroom throughout the year. They will also have access to the online version of the book being used for their grade.
- We have put together a list of the safety procedures that will be in place here at Holy Redeemer for the protection of all students and catechists during the time of Religious Education classes. Please take some time to review the entire list attached.

- Registration for Religious Education Sundays can be done through the Parish Website under the Faith Formation tab or at:
<https://www.holyredeemerchurch.org/k-8-religious-education.html>
- The cost per student for the year is \$60.00 (\$62.10 if paying online through PayPal). Payment is expected by the first day of class. If cost is a concern, please contact myself or Doug Rasler in the Parish Office.

If you have questions about our program, would like to meet with myself or Doug Rasler, DRE, or would like to tour our classrooms and facilities before the start of the program this year, please feel free to contact me in the Parish Office at 812-424-8344 ext 324 or at asmartin@evdio.org.

We look forward to growing in and sharing the faith with you and your family!

In Christ,

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