

# Plans for Religious Education, Vacation Bible School, and Youth Ministry



*A more detailed announcement will be prepared shortly for the families and the catechists of the parish...*

**Gr. 1-10 Religious Education: We DO plan to offer in-person Gr. 1-10 Religious Education for the 2020-21 school year.** We believe that both the regular classes (Gr. 1-6 Saturdays and Gr. 7-10 Tuesdays) and the At-Home / Sunday program (Gr. 1-10) are possible with new carefully-implemented social distancing protocols.

**In the event that in-person class is made impossible** (for example, should the government order new or extended restrictions due to COVID-19), we are fully prepared to continue the Religious Education programs virtually if need be. The last few weeks of Religious Education this past year were a success online, but we could be even more grade-specific, fun, and comprehensive next year, should the situation require it.

**Registration for Religious Education 2020-21:** There will be pre-registration offered for 2020-21 Religious Education, which will essentially be an RSVP for planning purposes. Full registration will be delayed this year until closer to the beginning of the school year. Details will be announced shortly.

**Postponed Sacraments:** First Communicants and Confirmation candidates, we have not forgotten about you! You will be invited to receive your sacraments as soon as we are able. You will NOT have to wait until next year's class receives their sacraments, if we can at all help it. We will gather everyone for a rehearsal and refresher ahead of time, to be announced. It should be noted, though, that the scheduling of Confirmation is dependent on the diocese.

**Vacation Bible School:** July 20-24, Virtual and with Small Groups in Person.

VBS week will be a special week for the kids and youth of our parish, but there will be no large group gathering in the Event Center. This year, VBS will be reimagined. Activities and lessons will be made available live online. Older youth will gather ahead of time in small groups to make packets for families to take home, including crafts, etc. Time slots for in-person play and social time will be provided throughout the week on an RSVP basis to enable social distancing. Also VBS will be free this summer with free-will donations appreciated to support the cost of the program.

**Kingdom Bound at Darien Lake: Cancelled for this year by the event organizers**

**Youth Group:** Continues every Monday virtually on Zoom. Hopefully in-person youth group will be possible in the near future, especially as we prepare for the new Vacation Bible School.

**Looking for more faith resources for your kids this summer?** Check out kids videos on [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org) and also a weekly kids' bulletin on the Sunday readings at [www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com) .

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