

September 2, 2020

Dear Saints Francis and Clare Family,

Welcome to Religious Education/Youth Ministry 2020/2021 at Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi Catholic Church. PLEASE read this letter very thoroughly as it contains VITAL information for our upcoming year. Our check-in and pick up procedures have changed dramatically this year to maximize the safety and security of our students and volunteers. Those policies are attached to this email and you should read carefully before our September 13 first day. Also included is our program year calendar.

**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW REYM MEETING TIME: 9:45 – 11:10.** We have adjusted our schedule to accommodate the anticipated time it will take to check-in and dismiss students safely.

We will begin our year together with normal class sessions on Sunday, September 13, 9:45-11:10 for all REYM students. Please enter the **cafeteria** from the exterior doors by the parking lot. All four doors will be open and labeled with an alphabetical range. Select your entry door based on family name. **PLEASE WEAR A MASK AND HAVE YOUR CHILD IN A MASK UPON ENTRY.** Proceed to the proper check-in table based on last name when the person in front of you is finished. Please maintain social distance of 3-6 feet as possible.

Elementary students will be escorted to their classrooms by volunteers. Middle and high school youth will be directed to their classrooms. Parents are not allowed beyond the cafeteria. Children **MUST** be checked in by a parent or other responsible party **every week**. Classes will dismiss to the cafeteria, youngest to oldest beginning at 11:05. Catechists will escort their classes to the cafeteria and dismiss only to a parent or their designated representative.

Please see the attachment regarding Sunday morning check-in procedures. As a reminder, for the safety of our children and all parishioners, **there is to be NO PARKING along the curb at any time.**

Detailed information regarding sacramental preparation (Reconciliation and First Communion) via our second grade RE and School Ministry classrooms will be sent to parents in the coming weeks.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

Middle school youth will continue to meet on Sunday mornings, 9:45 – 11:10am in various classrooms. **6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students** should report to the cafeteria on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> to check in and receive their small group assignment. **Middle School youth are required to check-in @ the main REYM Check-in Tables upon entering the cafeteria every week!**

High School students who are participating in the **Leadership and Discipleship Class** this year will also enter in the cafeteria on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> to receive their room assignment.

### **CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Confirmation preparation will begin immediately on Sept. 13. Attendance is critical to receive the necessary preparation to celebrate the Sacrament. Eighth graders who attend SSFC School are not required to attend Confirmation prep on Sunday mornings. All Confirmation candidates will be invited to our Confirmation **mandatory overnight retreat** scheduled for **April 16-17**. The date for **the Rite of Confirmation is May 22, 2021** and will be here at Ss Francis and Clare of Assisi.

**Please note that if your child is to receive a sacrament this year we must have a copy of his/her baptismal certificate on file as soon as possible. Photocopies are fine.**

Please grant us grace the first few weeks of REYM as we work through our new check-in procedures and settle in our students. We are praying for a safe and successful year for all as we grow and learn more about Jesus Christ and our beautiful Catholic faith.

In Christ's love,

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