

COVID-19 Faith Formation Guidelines

Bishop Callahan has expressed a desire to provide in-person faith formation for the 2020-2021 school year. We, at St. John's, appreciate the opportunity to help your children grow in a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church through the Religious Education Program. It is a great privilege to be able to assist you, the primary teachers of your children, in the ways of faith.

St. John's CCD program will take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 and will run from September 16th through April 28th. This program is open to students in 1st through 8th grade.

The Religious Education Director will work with the Chippewa County Public Health Department to ensure that the re-opening of the Parish Program goes smoothly. We will be taking every reasonable precaution to keep the CCD environment safe and healthy.

The following is the plan that will be implemented for the 2020-21 Religious Education year. This plan includes cooperation between the parish staff, CCD teachers, and parents. Please take time to read this document and returned the signed last page on the first night of CCD.

Protective Measures

Parents

- Speak with your children about the need to social distance.
- Screen your children by taking their temperature and ask health related questions (do they feel well) before sending them to CCD each week.
- Keep your child home if they do not feel well and/or are experiencing any of the following symptoms: fever, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, a bad cough, difficulty breathing, headaches, etc.
- Provide a mask for your child. All students five-years old and above are required to wear masks, unless they have a documented excuse from a medical professional.
- Notify the Religious Education Director if your family intends to travel outside of Wisconsin.

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- During CCD, if a student appears to be ill, the Religious Education Director will take the student's temperature. Any student who has a temperature over 100.4 will be isolated from other students, until a parent or guardian arrives to take them home.
- Remind teachers who do not feel well to stay home.
- Provide extra masks for as-needed situations.
- Provide adequate signage to remind anyone with fever or flu-like symptoms not to enter the building and to help encourage proper hygiene.
- In order to limit the number of students passing in the hallways, teachers will be meeting their class on the front lawn of the school. Classes will then enter the building one at a time.
- At the end of CCD, classes will be dismissed one at a time to allow for social distancing.

- Students will have their own books and supplies so that sharing does not need to occur.
- Classrooms have been relocated and seating has been rearranged to provide for social distancing during CCD.
- There will be no sharing of food. Only pre-wrapped packages will be allowed.
- Visitors to the Faith Formation Program will be limited to essential reasons only.

Hygiene & Cleaning

Parents

- Encourage good hygiene, by reminding children to wash hands often with soap and water for twenty or more seconds.
- Remind children to sanitize their hands when soap and water are unavailable.
- Remind students to keep their hands away from their face.
- Remind children to sneeze or cough into a tissue or an elbow.

Religious Education Program

- All adults will sanitize their hands as they enter the building.
- Hand sanitizer and wipes will be readily available in each classroom.
- All classrooms will be cleaned each night, at the end of CCD.
- CCD teachers will discourage contact between students during class. (no handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, etc.)
- After blowing their noses, students will be asked to sanitize their hands.

COVID-19 Exposure & Positive Test Procedures

Parents

- If anyone in your family is directly exposed to a person who is carrying COVID-19, your family should quarantine for at least 10 calendar days (as recommended by the county health department.)
- Report to your County Health Department if anyone in the family tests positive for COVID-19.
- If a student is diagnosed with COVID-19, they will need to quarantine for at least 10 days and be fever free for 24 hours, before returning to CCD.

Religious Education Program

- The Parish will cooperate with Chippewa County Public Health if a student or employee is diagnosed with a COVID-19 or another serious illness. Names will be kept confidential.
- CCD teachers who are diagnosed with COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for at least 10 days and be fever free for 24 hours, before returning to teach.
- If a classroom is impacted by a student or adult diagnosed with COVID-19, the room will be deep cleaned before it is used again.
- CCD teachers will be prohibited from being in the classroom and required to quarantine for at least 10 days, if the following should occur:

- They are ill or experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, including, limitation, fever, cough, shortness of breath, and excessive fatigue
- They have a suspected or diagnosed/confirmed case of COVID-19
- They have been exposed to any person with a suspected or diagnosed/confirmed case of COVID
- They are returning from outside the United States, any cruise, or any domestic location that has been identified as a viral hotspot by the Chippewa County Public Health Department.
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- CCD staff will have the contact information for:
 - Chippewa, Dunn, and Barron County Public Health
 - Mayo Clinic Health System – Bloomer Hospital
 - Colfax, Bloomer, Barron, New Auburn and Chippewa School Districts
 - Diocese of La Crosse office

I have read the attached COVID-19 Faith Formation Guidelines, for St. John's Catholic Church, Bloomer, WI. I agree to uphold the parental responsibilities that are listed under Protective Measures, Hygiene & Cleaning, and COVID-19 Exposure & Positive Test Procedures.

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Name (Printed)