

Dear Parents,

August 10, 2020

Religious Education is very important in the lives of families. At St. Isidore the Farmer we want to ensure that we assist you in your efforts to catechize your children during the COVID pandemic.

Mini-retreats are being held for Confirmation August 28th and for 2nd grade First Communicants on August 30th. More details to come. CCD Classes will officially start **September 11th**.

CCD will definitely be happening this Fall, but will be structured quite differently in order to limit our exposure to others. We will have a hybrid of in person and online classes. Pre-K through 2nd will be held on **every other** Sunday morning from 9:15am-10:45am and 4th and 6th grade will attend on the **alternate** Sunday mornings from 9:15am-10:45am. Confirmation will be held **every other Friday** evening from 6pm to 7:30pm. It is our hope that as students prepare for Confirmation, they will spend time in front of our Lord in Adoration which takes place from 1pm to 9pm every Friday.

We are required to hold 30 hours of Religious Education per Arlington Diocese guidelines. The extra half hour of in person class will give us a bit more instruction time since we will be skipping every other weekend. On the weekends your child's class is not scheduled in person, there will be a 30-minute online class which counts as classroom time. Online classes are not ideal, but it'll help us to learn to utilize the system now in case the pandemic worsens and we are forced back to Phase 1 or 2 guidelines. Online classes for 1st through 6th grade will be **every other** Wednesday from 7pm to 7:30pm. Confirmation online classes will be **every other** Friday from 7pm to 7:30pm. Please inform me if you prefer that your child attends only the online classes or if you plan to homeschool.

1st and 2nd grade classes utilize very short video clips that reinforce the Blessed workbook lesson. The children will use the social hall to view the video which is less than 10 minutes. They will sit on the floor spaced 6 feet apart with the doors open. During fair weather, the children will return to their designated class area outside.

***** Important:** Please find attached/enclosed:

1. Registration Form for the upcoming CCD schoolyear
2. Schedule for CCD *in person* and *online* classes
3. Permission form for online instruction
4. Guidelines and Measures taken to ensure the safety of children

Please note that the diocese is working on a Waiver of Transfer of Responsibility for screening children for symptoms of illness. In other words, our volunteers will **not** be taking children's temperatures. It is the parent's responsibility to assess their child before sending them to CCD. *Please keep sick children at home.*

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call. I look forward to seeing all of you again soon!

Peace,

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