

Dear Parents

April 20, 2020

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Happy Easter to you.

It was with great sadness that we had to end our Religious Education Classes; an action needed for the containment and end to this COVID-19. Please know that you are in my prayers and looking forward to the day we can worship again as a parish family.

Many of you may have questions about the timing and events of First Holy Communion. As of today, there is no clear time line of when we will be able to celebrate the Sacrament. The First Holy Communion retreat and rehearsal scheduled for April 25th and First Holy Communion Mass on May 2nd will be postponed. There is no indication from our diocese that Fall Confirmation will be impacted.

Uncharted times call for creative ways to navigate through the next few months. I am sure you have had your challenges with work, school requirements, providing necessities, and socializing. I would like to offer some simple suggestions on how you can complete the Religious Education academic year at home. I have listed below the chapters scheduled for the last 7 weeks of Religious Education.

Grade	Chapters
Kindergarten	18, 19, 28, 29, 20, 11
First	18-22, 28, 26
Second	23-29
Third	19, 23-26, 29
Fourth	24-30
Fifth	23-30
Sixth	25-31
Seventh	23-29
Eighth	Seton Confirmation Book (book to be mailed to you in the next few weeks)

Some Suggestions:

- Have your child read the chapter to you
- If they have an activity book have them select one from the chapter to complete.
- To reinforce the lesson, I would be happy to provide copies of quizzes for the chapters. Please contact me by phone or email and I would be happy to email or mail the quizzes to you.
- My Catholic Faith Delivered offers the Faith and Life Curriculum online. The program has an opening prayer, scripture readings, the text read to the student, games, and online quizzes. This is self-paced and your child can complete independently. If you are interested in this, please call or email me and I will get you signed up.

- Continue with the 8th grade Chosen program it is offered free of charge at <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/teen-faith-formation-online-access>.
- www.holyheroes.com/Massprep offers a weekly Gospel video and coloring page.
- Formed has many kid appropriate movies.

Please stay safe and healthy.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 540-582-5575 or stmatthewre@comcast.net.

Peace of Jesus Christ,

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