

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

September 13, 2021

Dear Religious Ed. Families,

Blessings on your day!

**NOTE: WE WILL BEGIN RELIGIOUS ED. ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021.**

Most of you may have seen the letter dated August 27, 2021 on our website or the insert in the bulletin. It stated that we will not be using Case Avenue School for Religious Ed. this year. Also, below is a reminder of the two options provided for Religious Ed.

**Option 1:** Google Classroom. Catechist will be the primary instructor. The Catechist will e-mail an assignment and ask for it to be returned on a selected date during the following week. This is entirely done via e-mail – not live. **YOU WILL NEED A G-MAIL ACCOUNT** to be able to access Google Classroom.

**Option 2:** Family Centered (homeschooling model). Parents will be the primary instructor. Parents are given a lesson plan to help plan and help keep track of your child's (children's) progress. Religious Ed teachers are willing to e-mail you the lessons they are using and sending to the Google Classroom students, and you can use these lessons to teach your child(ren). It is required that parents must have a working e-mail address. Please send a copy of the homework assignments either as an e-mail or dropped off at the parish office at the end of each month as a progress report and for evaluation. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at 724-981-3232.

In addition to the options, a few "physical" gatherings will be scheduled throughout the year for those students preparing for a sacrament – second, third and eleventh grades. Check your calendar.

1. Parent e-mail addresses are used for the classroom.
2. Some teachers have already invited your child to his or her classroom. Please accept the invitation.
3. If you have not received an invitation as of yet, one will be forthcoming.

\*\*\* 4. A few e-mail addresses have been "undeliverable". If your e-mail address has changed since registration from last year, please e-mail Me at [religioused@stjosephs-sharon.org](mailto:religioused@stjosephs-sharon.org). If you have not given us your e-mail address, please do so because that is how we will be contacting you with any updates or new information. Also, please check the Religious Ed. link on the St. Joseph Church website.

Included in this mailing is a registration form, a calendar and a "Family Centered Weekly Lesson Plan" **only** for those families that have chosen "home schooling". The Religious Ed. Calendar is subject to change; but, you will be informed of any changes, additions or deletions via e-mail.

If you have a child in Second, Third or Eleventh Grade he or she will be receiving a sacrament in the Spring. The catechetical component is fundamental. **I am prayerfully asking parents to consider the Google Classroom option for these specific grades.** If you decide the Family Centered option is still the best for your child, I will work with you more directly to prepare him or her for the reception of the sacrament. If you decide to change to the Google Classroom option, please e-mail me.

If you have not picked up your child's textbook, please stop by the Case Avenue entrance to the church and you will see them in the hallway. Please check off the option you chose next to your child's name. If your child's name is not on the list, please add it and mark the appropriate option. Second and Third Grades have two textbooks.

Thank you for your commitment, flexibility and patience, and know of my continued prayers for you.

Peace,

*Sr. Sandy, H.M., DRE*