

Plan for Religious Education

The current guidelines for Religious Education for grade school and high school states the following:

Yes (to in-person meetings), with social distancing and less than 50 in attendance. Small groups encouraged. For family program, social distancing by household. At-home and online formation are options.

For high school it adds: Small groups are particularly encouraged. Be ready to offer alternatives & support for families who wish to form their teens at home.

With this in mind, I am planning to offer these two registration options:

Homeschool

Families will receive a textbook that has a physical book and virtual component.

I will provide an outline for chapters and objectives to be covered, in addition to any additional materials they may need.

First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation Retreat will be offered in person to homeschoolers, or there will be an individual retreat option that I will provide.

I will send out an email to families every two weeks.

Parents will share their students' progress, including any assessments once every two months.

In-Person - Grade School

Classes will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM at Holyland Catholic School

Students will arrive at the school and report directly to their classrooms.

Students in classes will be socially distanced and following the facemask protocols of the local schools.

Classrooms will be sanitized after using.

Each student will receive a textbook that has a physical book and virtual component.

If in person classes need to switch to virtual for a time, the students will complete their chapters and any other assignments from the catechists, who will communicate with parents about reading and assignments.

Catechists will host a virtual meeting on Wednesday evenings via Zoom for 20 - 30 minutes to check in with students and monitor their progress on the lessons.

In-Person - High School

Classes will meet every other Sunday at 6:00 PM for Mass at St. John the Baptist and then class in Holyland Catholic School.

Students will be socially distanced and following the facemask protocols of the local schools.

After Mass, students will report to a large meeting space where they will have a 40 minute class.

Students will then break into small groups for a 20 minute small group discussion.

Classrooms will be sanitized after using.

If in person needs to switch to virtual for a time, the students will watch a video series, and complete any other assignments from the DRE, who will communicate with parents about videos and assignments.

Small group leaders will host a virtual small group on Sunday evenings via Zoom.