

## SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear CCD Parents,

I pray that this letter finds you safe and healthy. I know we are all challenged with the new normal. I thank you all for your patience, prayers, and understanding as we strive to put together the best possible program for your children. We have made changes to our Catechism of Catholic Doctrine (CCD) program. Please read the following carefully as it contains very important information.

1. Enclosed with this letter are your registration forms for this year. Please fill them out and return to me by September 14<sup>th</sup>
2. Father Keith will begin CCD classes for our 2020 Confirmation class (the students that will be confirmed on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020) on October 7<sup>th</sup>. These Confirmation classes will be held October 7, 14, & 28.
3. We know that families are struggling and because of this we have lowered our registration fee for each student to \$75.00 for this year.
4. CCD classes will begin on November 4, 2020 @ 5:30.
5. Due to COVID and social distancing we will not have CCD as we have had it in the past. We will be implementing a hybrid plan where we will teach certain grades here at the church each week and the parent will be doing their part at home the remaining time. Here is an example: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be combined and will meet the first Wednesday of each month. While the students are in class with the Catechist, the PARENT will also be in class with Father Keith. Father will teach the same class to the parents as the Catechist is teaching the student. This will provide the parent with the knowledge needed to help teach their child at home. These parent classes will be crucial to the success of our program. A parent must be present at these classes. The parish will also provide support to the parents for the at home lesson by contacting them regularly to see how they are doing. The homework that the child is given will need to be returned either by email, dropping off at the church, or by bringing them when their class meets once a month.
6. A schedule of the dates for all classes will be sent out prior to the beginning of CCD.

Please feel free to call the office with any questions or concerns that you may have. We are always available and willing to help in any way that we can.

Again, we here at St. Joseph's Parish want to make this a great year for you the parent and for your child. You, as the parent are able to spend much more time teaching your child your Catholic faith than we ever could and the time you spend with them now, will **always** remain with your child.

God Bless

