



St. Irene

Catholic Community of Faith

March 16, 2020

Dear St. Irene Religious Education Families:

With the current health crisis in the United States and in our own Illinois, it is more than prudent for our religious education program to follow all the recommendations and directives provided by the Diocese of Joliet, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Illinois Governor's Office. As such, our religious education classes (All grades) ARE CANCELLED through April 3.

In an effort to provide our students with resources to continue their faith formation during this time, we will be providing digital copies of Gospel Weeklies. Just as they will be continuing their academic learning at home, we ask that you include time each week for their spiritual learning. For students preparing for First Reconciliation (1st grade) and First Communion (2nd Grade & Special Sacrament), we will continue to provide the links to the online videos in the Blessed program.

Finally, we will be meeting with Fr. Jim each week to assess the status of this pandemic, to address any and all directives from the governor's office and CDC, and to evaluate guidelines that are being provided by the Diocese of Joliet. We know what the calendar looks like through March 31, but at this point are unable to predict what will occur afterward. At this point there is no change in dates for the Sacraments of Confirmation (April 21) and First Communion (May 2 & 3). You can be sure to get a weekly update from our office on Monday of each week. Again, thanks for your concern and I pray you and your families will remain healthy.

Following is a list of activities that are cancelled.

Yours in Christ,

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DATE	ACTIVITY	STATUS
Tuesday, March 17	RE Grades 1-6	NO CLASS SCHEDULED
Wednesday, March 18	RE Jr. High & High School	NO CLASS SCHEDULED
Friday, March 20	Family Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper	CANCELLED
Sunday, March 22	Confirmation Rite of Acceptance & Retreat	CANCELLED
Tuesday, March 24	RE Grades 1-6	CANCELLED
Wednesday, March 25	RE Jr. High & High School	CANCELLED
Sunday, March 29	Family Service Hours - Cleaning of the Church Easter Egg Hunt	CANCELLED
Tuesday, March 31	RE Grades 1-6	NO CLASS SCHEDULED
Wednesday, April 1	RE Jr. High & High School	NO CLASS SCHEDULED

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