

Dear Prince of Peace Cluster Families,

This year will be a home-based family program. Your family will choose a time each week to come together and do the lesson. Materials will be provided. You just need a willing heart and a bible! Our goal is to keep the program this year simple and consistent.

Our program will start at the beginning of October. Please come to Mass at your parish on the first weekend of the month (known as Faith Formation Sunday). There you will pick up your family packet with the directions and materials for the month. Each family will have a catechist (a parishioner to use as a resource) assigned to them that will reach out in support with ideas and encouragement every week.

**We will only be offering in-person classes for our students seeking First Communion, Confirmation, and high school for this school year.**

**For our students in 1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade** we will be offering monthly packets for families. These packets will be available after the first Mass of the month (Faith Formation Sunday). They will not be mailed home. Packets will include the lessons and activity items. Please register by September

*Curriculum:* Weekly readings and activities from Sadlier, bible, parish and Archdiocesan resources

**Students in grades 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>** Andrea Behrens, our Youth Minister, will lead these classes two times a month at St. Paul's Church in Traer. All high school youth in the cluster are invited to attend. Meeting times are TBD.

*Curriculum:* TBD

**Confirmation** (9<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet in person at St. Mary's church in Eagle Center with our coordinator, Andrea Behrens. The schedule is TBD but will begin end of October. These classes are in addition to the monthly family packets.

*Curriculum:* Decision Point, Dynamic Catholic

**First Reconciliation & First Communion** will meet at their church for in-person classes on four dates. First Reconciliation will be done in December during Advent. First Communion lessons will begin in January and run through April. Those dates will be announced later. These classes are in addition to the monthly family packets.

**Dates:** Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> (parent attends), 21<sup>st</sup>, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7:15 pm at your parish.

*Curriculum:* Blessed First Reconciliation and First Communion, Dynamic Catholic

Parents, you are amazing! At your child/ren's baptism you accepted responsibility for training and raising them in the practices of the faith. We are here to support and encourage you. You

are not alone. We understand it might take some time to get used to this new format. I am hopeful and excited that you will appreciate the flexibility and time with your family this program offers. Please reach out to your family catechist, site coordinator, each other, or me if you have any questions. Thank you for being flexible and supportive while we navigate this crazy year!

**\*Ways we will stay connected:** Mass, Facebook engagement, your family catechist, prayer. Other opportunities may come available as we go forward.

**\*Registration** forms can be found on the cluster website or picked up in the back of church. You can also visit the parish Facebook pages as the latest information is posted there. **Please register by September 25<sup>th</sup>**. Completed registration can be put in the collection basket in the back of church or mailed to: St. Paul's Catholic Church 1102 Walnut St. Traer, IA 50675.

**\*In-Person meetings:** We will practice social distancing and follow our safety procedures that are practiced at Mass. Masks are encouraged. Anyone not feeling well or has a temperature is asked to stay home.

\*Approved by the Faith Formation Commission on August 20, 2020

Blessings,

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