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FORMING DISCIPLES; LEADING ALL TO CHRIST

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Dear Families,

This past week we would normally be celebrating the close of the PSR year. Instead, we are wondering what is going to happen as the county opens up a bit, and as we plan for Masses to resume May 18. (albeit with social distancing)

Unfortunately, it looks like we are in this uncertain state for the long run. Challenges abound. Caution remains necessary. As of now, I will continue to send out weekly letters for the families with links to family friendly Sunday Readings. I SO appreciate all that you are doing to stay connected with us in this difficult time. We will not have report cards for this semester, but I will enter information and notations of the pandemic on their permanent records.

As of now, there are no plans for First Communion or Confirmation. It is our (Fr. Brian and Parish Staff) opinion that we should wait until we see what happens through the end of May rather than plan a date and then maybe have to post pone it. Please know that as soon as we set a date, we will let everyone know. My vision is that we will do some reviews...maybe small groups or classes before the actual Celebrations.

On another note, I am still planning for the 2020-2021 PSR Year. The New Registration is on the website and I have a few families registered. But all plans are subject to change right up to the last minute and long after the normal spring and summer enrollment season. Depending on the circumstances, there may even be a blend of some remote learning and small class size coming together in a way that not everyone is there all at once — sort of a staggered opening.

In the meantime, below are some links for this week:

May 17, 6th Sunday of Easter Readings: Gospel: John 14:15-21: During the Last Supper, Jesus reminds his apostles of the most important things. Recalling the intensity of our call to love, Jesus promises that he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to help them (and us), for he knew that it would not always be easy.

- Jesus asked us to love. What other "commands" flow from that?
- Where and when do you feel the Spirit with you?
- What acts of love make the presence of Jesus alive for you in your family, your parish, your neighborhood?
- What do you think the Spirit wants you to do this week?
- Write a family prayer thanking the Spirit for his constant presence with you.

<u>Kid talk:</u> <u>Children's Message:</u> <u>Pflaum Sunday</u> <u>Bible Song</u> <u>Sunday Connections</u> <u>Kid's Bulletin</u> <u>Sunday May 17, St. Patrick Parish Bulletin</u> <u>Coloring page</u> <u>Our Lady of Fatima</u>

And some more links for those preparing to receive the sacraments: <u>Confirmation: Holy Spirit</u>
<u>Decision Point</u> (especially Session 7-12) and First Communion: <u>Blessed</u> (especially Session 3-6)

Please remember to continue to pray together as a family and to keep the Presence of God in your hearts. WE are "Unconditionally Loved!"

Peggy Webb, CRE