



Risen Christ Catholic Community

*Dedicated to Worship, Education, Service and a Communal Life
in response to God and the Neighbor*

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Dear Parents,

We hope and pray that you are doing well and staying healthy! We sure have missed you here at Risen Christ! As you know, the situation with COVID-19 is constantly evolving. Thank you for your patience and your valuable input with our July Parent/Youth Survey. Even last week, we were keeping posted on developments with our school districts' plans to return to school.

First and foremost, we want you to know that both the pastoral care and safety of your child(ren)/youth are our top priorities. Especially during this time of great uncertainty and turmoil for individuals, we can find great hope and energy from our faith. In nourishing our relationship with Christ, we can share the Gospel as a light to our world. We are all called to make disciples, build community and inspire witnesses.

Over the last month, we have been working diligently to make sure that the 2020-2021 catechetical year meets your needs as a family. While it is our goal to meet in person for classes this Fall (beginning Sunday, September 20th), we have developed a contingency plan should State/District/City/Diocesan guidelines necessitate. For our in-person sessions, we are looking at keeping our Faith Formation at the same times as last year: PreK-6th Grade-Sundays, 9:00-10:15 a.m.; Youth Group-Sundays, Noon-1:30 p.m. As much as we are able, we will look to utilize outdoor space as well as take into account the numbers within our various classes to spread out within our building.

We are in the process of developing thorough policies and procedures to ensure the safety of everyone in our physical classroom spaces. These policies will include extensive cleaning and sanitizing protocols, social distancing rules for classrooms, outbreak protocols and other pertinent information designed to create a safe environment for our volunteers, students, and staff. These policies will be shared with all registered families prior to the start of classes in September.

While we cannot substitute the value of meeting in person for formation, we will have a Family Formation option for our Elementary families that you can use at home to grow your Domestic Church. According to St. John Paul II, "The family is the domestic church... the home is the Church in miniature." It will include a very simple prayer experience for the whole family along with age-appropriate activities.

For our Youth and their families, we have fun and interactive sessions that can be carried out either in-person or online (both large and small group). Our Core Team is committed to providing social support for our teens, especially as they work to navigate our faith in our contemporary world. Plus, we're here to support you as parents in forming your teens in their faith.

Should your child(ren)/youth need to prepare for the Sacraments (First Communion or Confirmation), we will be able to do so either in-person or remotely. Please indicate this on your registration form in the appropriate field.

There are a couple of different ways to register this year. You are welcome to complete the included form and submit to the office at your convenience (by mail or drop off M-Th, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays). Or, you are most welcome to register online this year. Please go to our website, www.risenchristboise.org/faith-formation.

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email. Plus, if you feel called to volunteer in some capacity, we especially need your help this year. When life is at its toughest, God uses us to encourage and come alongside others. We are all in this together, loving and supporting one another through faith!

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Praying God's Blessings on Your Family,

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