



ST. JOSEPH OF THE LAKES  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
TOGETHER IN SPIRIT

Hello Families,

We have decided to cancel the in-person large group gatherings and Faith N Fun Friday activities now through mid-January due to the new health and safety restrictions in place. With the ever-changing guidelines, we will re-evaluate the Elementary School Faith Formation Calendar in mid-January with hopes that we will be able to gather at some point!

Here is the plan:

**Online/At Home Lessons:**

**Grades 1-5:** Continue with Online Lessons by having your child log in to the St. Mary's Press DISCOVER-Finding Faith in Life link provided here: <https://mlearn.smp.org/>. These are lessons that you do with your child at home. The online lessons take about 15 minutes. If you need help with your username and password, please email me at [KellyT@SaintJosephsParish.org](mailto:KellyT@SaintJosephsParish.org). Children in grades 1-5 received Discover Materials (backpack, activity book and leaflets) and a Children's Bible. These materials may be used to enhance the online learning lessons.

**Grade 6:** Continue with your Chapter Lessons using the Call to Faith Workbook. These are lessons that you do at home with your child. We have placed an order for Youth Bibles for our 6th graders. I will let you know when those are available for pick-up. This is a bible that your child will use for St. Joe's Faith Formation through Confirmation.

**Online Faith Connections Team Meetings/ Zoom Meetings**

Grades 1-6: All children are invited to participate in Online Faith Connections Team Meetings with their small group peers and adult leaders. These are online ZOOM meetings. Your child has been placed in a small group based on grade. Your child's leaders will send you a ZOOM meeting link prior to the meeting. The online Zoom meetings are listed as Online Faith Connections Team Meetings on the Elementary School Faith Formation Calendar. Grades 1-5 typically start the meeting at 6pm. Grade 6 typically starts at 6:45pm. Meetings should last no longer than 45 minutes and will consist of prayer, welcome/check-in question, and faith activity (usually Bingo). Small prizes will be sent to BINGO winners via USPS. If you do not receive a meeting link prior to the scheduled Zoom Meeting, please email me at [KellyT@SaintJosephsParish.org](mailto:KellyT@SaintJosephsParish.org).



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**MISSION : POSSIBLE Faith Agent Kits:**

Because the large group gatherings are cancelled until mid-January, families will have the option to pick-up Faith Agent Kits each month during Parish Office Hours and Sundays during Mass. Faith Agent Kits consist of activities and crafts for your child to do at home. We are also including a unique DUCKIE prize with the Kit for each Mission. You will receive an email when each Kit is available (usually around the same date as the Large Group Gatherings as listed on the Elem. Calendar). If you haven't picked up your child's **MISSION #1 Kit**, it is **available now** during Parish Office Hours and Sundays during Mass while supplies last. Mission Kit #2 will be available beginning December 8.

As always, if you have any questions please contact me by email at [KellyT@SaintJosephsParish.org](mailto:KellyT@SaintJosephsParish.org),

Blessings on your week!

Kelly Thurmes