

# Church of Saint Henry Preparedness Plan for Faith Formation 2020-2021

## General Guidelines from the CDC

- + Wash hands often
- + Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- + Stay home when sick
- + Masks: worn properly according to the CDC guidelines (Please review how to properly wear a mask here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/cloth-face-covering.pdf>). Please also review the [Minnesota Executive Order 20-81](#) noting that some people and circumstances will fall under exemption categories.
- + Stay 6-feet apart whenever possible

## Protocol and Procedures for In-Person Faith Formation Classes

- + Sanitize pews, classroom chairs, doorknobs, and light switches in between each session
- + Limit the sharing of common supplies, each class will have their own set of supplies (pencils, individual boxed crayons, pens, etc.)
- + Keep room capacity at 50% to allow for distancing
- + Utilize larger spaces for classes and groups whenever possible (the Main Church will be used for socially distanced large group prayer service for 3:25pm and 7:15pm session to allow for more time to sanitize classrooms prior to beginning class)
- + Observe one-way flow for arrival and dismissal. Please carefully review the Drop-Off and Pick-Up Policy in the Faith Formation packets.

## *Volunteers*

- + Per the [Minnesota Executive Order 20-81](#), teachers may choose to wear a face shield in the classroom if masks impede the educational process.
- + Volunteers should thoroughly wash their hands before and after class.
- + Volunteers should not touch children's masks to avoid increased risk of infections. Children must be able to properly put on and take off their own masks.
- + Volunteers will not need to go to the Saint Joseph the Worker room prior class to check mailboxes as attendance sheets and handouts will be delivered to their classrooms prior to class.

## *Individuals/Families*

- + Good hygiene, especially frequent handwashing is important. For 6pm and 7:15pm classes, parents, please have your child wash their hands at home before and after arriving for class. For the 3:25pm classes, as students will be coming directly from school, catechists will direct students to wash hands in bathrooms before they begin class. Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom. All participants should wash their hands before they arrive or sanitize hands upon entering and exiting.

- + 3 to 6-year-old children in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Per [Minnesota Executive Order 20-81](#), face coverings are required at this time for all participants over the age of five. Due to the fact that this level involves a range of ages below and above the required mask mandate age all children (3-6 years old) will not be asked to mask, although you are welcome to have your child mask, so long as they can wear it properly, in compliance with the CDC guidelines.
- + We are asking families to take an active role in monitoring their child(ren)'s health. If your child is sick or has symptoms, or a family member is sick or has symptoms, do not come to Faith Formation. See [COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs](#). We ask parents to take the temperature of their child before coming to Faith Formation, to ensure that they do not come with a fever.
- + If an adult, child or youth experiences symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive following attendance at a Faith Formation class or activity, please notify Jessica Soden (PreK-6<sup>th</sup>) or Jenna Leighton (7<sup>th</sup>-Highschool).
- + If Monticello Public School District closes an individual school or schools due to an outbreak of COVID-19, the Pastor, in consultation with the Office for Mission of Catholic Education, will determine whether in-person Faith Formation activities and events will be temporarily suspended.
- + If Holy Spirit Academy (a private Catholic school which shares our Faith Formation facility) suspends in-person school classes due to an outbreak of COVID-19, in-person Faith Formation activities or events will be suspended until the Pastor, in consultation with the Office for the Mission of Catholic Education, determines it is safe to resume.
- + If Faith Formation activities and events are suspended or canceled, due to COVID-19 or other reasons (inclement weather, etc.), families will be notified via phone broadcast (robot call), SMS broadcast (automatic text), and e-mail, using the contact information on families' UltraCamp account (Faith Formation registration platform).
- + If Faith Formation activities and events are suspended, due to COVID-19, the Faith Formation program will transition to a temporary "At Home" option for all families until onsite, in-person Faith Formation activities and events resume. For 1st-8th grade students, families will be given the choice of "online" or "book" options. For Sacramental Prep students, families will be given the Sacramental Prep "At Home" material.
- + No homemade food and no communal sharing of food at this time. Any food offered must be store-bought and individually packaged.

### ***Discipleship Groups***

- + Meeting locations will be chosen in consultation with parents. As always, parental permission is required for any offsite or home meetings. Meetings should take place outdoors when possible, for all on-site meetings and off-site/home meetings. Bonfire pits will be available onsite for D-Groups to reserve and use for meetings. Per the [Minnesota Executive Order 20-81](#), face-covered are strongly recommended but not required for outdoor meetings. Per the [Minnesota Department of Health: Face Covering Requirements and Recommendations](#), face coverings and social distancing is strongly recommended but not required for indoor private gatherings (i.e. home meetings).