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Welcome back to a new Youth Ministry year! So much has happened around the world, within the nation, state, and our immediate community. There is much to unpack and address in regards to all of the changes, but we believe we have been gifted with a unique opportunity to reimagine in new and exciting ways. Just as Pope Francis recently said, ***God has given us an opportunity to serve in a more intentional way, the domestic church-the family!***

As you may know we have welcomed Christ Sun of Justice as part of our parish. We also have had some changes to our Mass schedule. Our daily Masses are now ***Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at OLV 8:30 a.m.*** with daily Mass at ***CSJ Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.*** Our weekend Masses are ***OLV- Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. (this is our live streamed Mass); OLS- Sunday 9:15 a.m.; CSJ – Sunday 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.*** We still encourage and invite you to the Eucharistic table, as we have before, in any way that fits your family. With the help of our new Digital Outreach Specialist, Amanda DeSalvatore, we are able to continue to bring Mass to you via livestream as well as provide information to you in more dynamic and digital ways.

Reflecting upon our church's mission statement of ***“Knowing, loving and serving God and one another”*** we will be using a thematic program to reiterate all that God is calling us to. St. Mother Teresa has said ***“The family that prays together, stays together, and if they stay together, they will love one another as God has loved each one of them. And works of love are always works of peace...the way you help heal the world is that you start with your own family.”*** This will be a core principle we focus on this year.

I understand that, at this juncture, many families remain uncomfortable with attending “in person” sessions. As a mom of a middle schooler, I share that same concern. For the immediate future we will have virtual sessions on the ***2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> week of each month. 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> graders will meet Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders will meet Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.*** (please see date and time information for further clarification) I hope that after the new year we may reevaluate and perhaps move to one virtual session and one in person session. With that in mind, each month I will have informational packets for families to pick up. Once we receive your registration, I will be able to provide more information on dates and times to pick up home materials. I will also reach out to each grade level to advise calendar dates and specified curriculum.

Despite this new model, we are still required to maintain Diocesan policies of providing a safe environment program each year as well as taking attendance and offering service opportunities. The Diocese has implemented new curriculum for safe environment entitled, “Circle of Grace” and we will be providing service opportunities for families to take advantage of as they become available.

I am looking forward to spending more time with our Young Church and helping them through these difficult times in any way I may be able to. Please do not hesitate to reach out directly if you have any questions or concerns

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