

July 29, 2020

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you and yours healthy and safe. I know you are dealing with a great deal of uncertainty about plans for your children this coming school year. All of us on the STM staff want you to know we are aware of the challenges you are facing and are keeping you in our prayers.

With this in mind, I wanted you to know that we will be continuing with our family centered Faith Formation programming for the coming year. It may look a bit different as we adjust to the requirements presented by the Diocese, government officials and health care experts and may be adjusted as the year progresses. We are currently working on a flexible plan that - when guidelines allow - will include gathered programming similar to last year and a new online platform that will assist with at home activities. Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation will also have a flexible delivery format. Your family's health and safety is our top priority and you will be in the driver's seat when it comes time to make choices about what your family's participation will look like.

The rescheduled dates for the 2019/20 First Communion and Confirmation dates are:

First Communion - Sunday, November 15 at the last Mass (time will depend on the Mass schedule.)

Confirmation - Thursday, October 29 at 6:30pm.

**Keep in mind, these dates and times are dependent on any Diocesan and government guidelines that may be in place at that time.** Dates for the 2020/21 reception of First Communion and Confirmation are yet to be determined.

We are currently in search of a Director of Religious Education and plan to have someone in place sometime in September. I will let you know when that decision is made.

Know that my prayers continue for you and your families.

In Christ's peace,



Fr. Gordon Zanetti