



Roman Catholic Church of the Transfiguration

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Dear Parents,

It is that time of year again! The Church of the Transfiguration Religious Education department is getting ready for the 2020-2021 class year. This year due to the corona virus, we will be doing things a bit differently. To begin with, registration is being done through the mail. Enclosed you will find a registration form to complete and send back to the church. I ask that you get these **back to me by August 29, 2020**. Registration is for all children in grades K-11 and those who will be receiving the sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and any child over the age of 7 who needs to be baptized.

Classes are tentatively scheduled to begin by the weekend of September 19-20, 2020. We will be taking a multimedia approach to learning this year, similar to what the public schools are doing. Your child's religious education will be conducted partially on-line with some in-person sessions here at church. More information will be coming about this. I will be scheduling a Parents' Night to help you navigate what this will look like for your family. Look for an email with dates in the next couple of weeks.

I know this is a difficult time for families and I will try to make this as exciting and easy as possible for both the parents and the students. I understand that the pandemic has imposed many hardships on people, this is why we must stay strong in our faith and in turn pass our faith along to our children. They need to learn that with God all things are possible. We are here to help with that, but **parents are always the first and foremost authority regarding their child's religious formation. We must do this together!** Typically all children enrolled in Religious Education are required to attend weekly Mass. I know many of you have not made the decision to return to worship in person. Please remember that Mass is live streamed every Sunday morning at 8:30 am. This is

a perfect way to attend Mass as a family and have the ability to talk to your children and teach them along the way.

Fees for the 2020-21 class year will be:

\$10.00 for one child

\$20. 00 for two children in one family

\$30.00 for three children in one family

Free for all additional children in one family

I hope that you enjoy your last couple of weeks of summer and I look forward to working with you and your children this fall. If you have any questions or need more information please contact Mary Stickler at bmstickler@gmail.com.

In Christ,

Mary Stickler

Coordinator of Religious Education