

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

PSR IS GOING VIRTUAL!

Our Faith Formation Team has decided that the safest and most sustainable option for PSR this year is for us to go virtual. We surely anticipate a learning curve, but we are excited for the opportunities that going virtual offers us too.

Our catechists are adjusting their lesson plans to accommodate the new media they'll be using. Some plan to share a video that can be watched anytime during the week, leaving their class time solely for discussion or activities. Some plan to teach live during their class time; whereas some may be doing a hybrid of both. Students will also have workbooks to write in and keep.

Once we receive your registration packet, we will put you in contact with your student's catechist so they can share with you the details of how they plan to teach.

Visit saintspeter-paul.org/ministry/psr and fill out the PSR Interest Form or call the Parish Office, and we will send you a Registration Packet and save your spot! Please submit your registration by Monday, 17 August. Registrations received after 17 August will incur a \$25 late fee to cover the cost of purchasing and shipping additional materials.

SACRAMENTS UPDATE

Given the circumstances that we find ourselves in, we have created a modified plan to prepare for and administer the sacraments this year.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Students in grade 2 of our school and PSR will prepare for First Reconciliation during their scheduled religion class time as normal during the 2020-21 academic year. We are currently unable to schedule a date, but our hope is to celebrate that sacrament in the Spring of 2021.

CONFIRMATION WITH FIRST EUCHARIST

Students in grade 3 of our school and PSR will prepare for Confirmation and First Eucharist during their scheduled religion class time as normal during the 2020-21 academic year. We are awaiting information from the Bishop's Office on his plans for administering the sacraments this year, so we are currently unable to schedule a date. Our hope is to also celebrate these sacraments in the Spring of 2021.

CONFIRMATION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Based on the feedback and input of parents, teachers, and catechists, we have decided to spend this academic year catching up our remaining classes in need of the sacrament of Confirmation. This means that grades 5, 6, and 7 of our school and PSR will prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Students of Sts. Peter & Paul School will prepare for the sacrament during their scheduled religion class time.

Students in our PSR will be piloting a new family formation model.

Our Faith Formation Team will offer monthly parent formation sessions via Zoom that will prepare our parents to work with their students on the Confirmation curriculum at home. During these sessions, we will offer a presentation, small group discussions, and a question and answer session with the intention of giving parents all the support they need to share faith with their children at home.

The curriculum is based on prepared online videos and open discussions, making it accessible to parents at any level of faith formation. Each student will have a workbook, and we will offer parents a leader guide to help walk their students through these conversations.

We are awaiting information from the Bishop's Office on his plans for administering the sacraments this year, so we are currently unable to schedule a date. Our hope is to also celebrate these sacraments in the Spring of 2021. Parents and guardians of students in these grades will be receiving more information about the details of these processes after we receive their registration in either our school or PSR.

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