

*St. Stanislaus Kostka
Office of Faith Formation*

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Dear Faith Formation Families,

I pray this letter finds you all safe and well. As our county begins to show results of our diligence to stay safe and the Archdiocese of New York is giving our parishes the challenging tasks to offer Mass once again, I felt it is indeed time to write to you.

These last few months have had a tremendous impact on every single human being. As we continue to hear the word “unprecedented”, time and time again; this has never happened in our lifetime. As much as we have learned, there is so much more we “still don’t know” of this horrendous pandemic. For those of you who have been a part of our essential workforce during this time, I give you my sincere thanks for all that you continue to do each day. For those adults that have had to work at home and have had the challenging task of trying to work and be teachers to your children, may God bless your efforts. This has been unimaginable. God has told us time and time again in His word that He is with us. He is our comforter in times of trouble. “Do not be afraid” (Isiah 41:10).

Therefore, as we continue this journey of social distancing, masks, and to join in small gatherings; I want you to be aware that we are exploring our options, such as in-classroom learning and distance learning to return to Faith Formation with our families. For the coming year, we want to identify a program that is feasible, practical, acceptable, and beneficial to the needs of our families. We continue to stay abreast of our local and state guidelines which will determine how best to proceed to keep our families healthy and safe. Those families that have a child that is waiting to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation will be contacted soon as to how we will proceed.

We are very aware that there are many conversations circulating regarding attendance at school in September. We “still don’t know.” However, we would like to proceed with registration for 2020-2021 Faith Formation. All we ask is that you go online and register your child(ren) for September. Instructions to access and submit the online registration forms are on the second page of this letter. Paper registration forms are available in the Parish office or can be downloaded from the Parish website. If you are enrolling a new student who was not baptized in our parish, please be sure to drop off a copy of his or her baptismal certificate to the office. Please register each child in the grade they would be going into next. As we continue to formulate the coming year, we will send out progress reports as to where we are in the planning stages to those families that register.

Even though life as we knew it is changing around us, remember, God and Jesus are eternal and unchanging. May we sense the peace and security of their love and know their companionship is with us throughout our lives.

If you have any questions about this process, please call the office and we will be happy to help you. I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks at Mass!

Peace to you all,

Nan Kramer
Faith Formation Coordinator

John J. Backes
Pastor

Andrea Tighe

P.S. Proposed 7th/8th and Confirmation schedules will be sent out in the coming weeks.

TO REGISTER ONLINE

Go to www.saintstanislaus.net

Click on the “Faith Formation” tab

Click on “Registration 2020/2021”

Follow the instructions on the page.

**Be sure to fill out both the Registration form
and the Student Emergency Contact form.**

There is no need to submit payment at this time!

CLASSES ARE (HOPEFULLY) OFFERED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Days and time are subject to change.

Tuesday: (As Scheduled) Confirmation from 6:15 to 7:45PM

Tuesday: (As Scheduled) Grades 7 & 8 from 6:15 to 7:45PM

Tuesday: Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 from 4:45PM to 6:15 PM

Wednesday: Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 from 4:45PM to 6:15 PM

G.I.F.T. I & II – To be determined

**Our 2020-2021 Faith Formation Calendar will be
available on our Parish website by August 15, 2020.**

**Copies will be mailed home in August along with our
welcome letter to all registered families.**