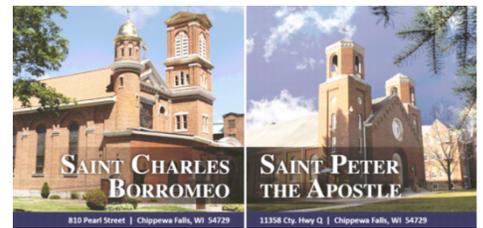


August 16, 2021

Welcome, and Welcome Back!

We are excited for the start of the religious education year with our St. Charles Borromeo and St. Peter students.



- Click on this [online registration link to register and pay fees](#).
- See attached 2021-22 schedule.

Both are now available on the Faith Formation website at (www.chippewafallsfaithformation.net) and in paper form at the back of both parishes.

The program has a few new elements this year:

1. Due to anticipated construction of St. Charles Parish Center, our classes will be held at **Holy Ghost School (436 S. Main St. in Chippewa Falls)**.
 - a. Combined with Holy Ghost Rel Ed students our first day is Wednesday, September 15.
 - b. **Grades 1-5** will meet from 3:30-4:40P and busing from school will be available.
 - c. **Grades 6-9** will meet from 5:45-6:55P.
2. **Family Nights – first Wednesday of the month - 5:45-6:55P**
 - a. Each family will be assigned to either A Group or B Group.
 - i. One group will meet in the Holy Ghost cafeteria for Family Night. It will begin with a (free) meal provided for your whole family. After dinner, the kids will separate by grade level and go to their respective sessions while the parents remain behind for a presentation.
 - ii. Second group will remain at home and work on a family project with materials we will provide you. *These projects will be easy and fun.*
 - b. So, on the first Wednesday of each month ([view the 2021-22 schedule](#)), *there will be no afternoon program*. Children of *all grades* will meet with their families from 5:45-6:55P, either at home or in the Holy Ghost cafeteria (church basement) on alternating months.
3. See COVID-19 precautions on the second page.

The goal here is manifold. **Firstly**, we want to make family night *something easy and fun* for your family. **Secondly**, to make faith formation *a family affair*. As parents, we outsource so much of our children's learning. This no doubt has many benefits. However, one of the drawbacks is that our children grow up in many areas of their lives without us. We don't want YOUR child's faith to be one of those things.

We look forward to journeying in faith with you and your children together. If you have any questions, please ask.

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COVID-19 Precautions Policies

The Religious Ed program will follow the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District (CFAUSD) policies (as well as policy updates) to ensure, with your help, our religious education environment will be safe and healthy for both the students and teachers.

COVID-19 Precautions - *Parent Responsibilities*

- Screen your children by taking their temperature and ask health related questions (do they feel well) before going to Religious Ed.
- Speak with your children about the need for physical distancing.
- Keep a child, who does not feel well, at home. Symptoms include fever, stomach ailments, sore throat, a bad cough, difficulty breathing, headaches, etc.
- When masks are mandated for CFAUSD, they are mandated for religious education. Please make sure your child is prepared and has one with them for class.
- Review and practice the following with your child(ren):
 - Washing hands often with soap and water for twenty or more seconds.
 - Sanitizing hands when soap and water are unavailable.
 - Keeping hands away from touching their face.
 - When sneezing or coughing, to sneeze or cough into a tissue or an elbow.
- If any of your family is directly *exposed* to a person who is diagnosed positive with COVID-19, your family should quarantine as recommended by the county health department.
- If any of your family is *diagnosed* with COVID-19, please contact us and let us know ASAP. Follow the public health guidelines they give to you before returning. Names will be kept confidential.

COVID-19 Precautions - *Parish Responsibilities*

- During faith formation, if a student appears to have an illness or tells their teacher they do not feel well, a parent or guardian will be contacted immediately to have the student picked up early.
- Large group assemblies will be kept to a minimum when COVID-19 cases are high in the area.
- Each student will have their own book and a plastic bag, labeled with their name, filled with supplies (scissors, pen, pencil, crayons, glue, etc.) which will not be shared with other students. Communal containers of supplies will not be used. Additional supplies will be given to the students by the teacher when needed.
- Students will be seated at least 3 feet apart for physical distancing and 6 feet from adults.
- Masks for teachers will mirror CFAUSD policy.
- Catechists and adults who do not feel well will stay home.
- There will be no sharing of food. Elementary students may bring snacks but must eat them, before classes, on the playground, or outside.
- Visitors to the Faith Formation Program will be limited to essential reasons only.
- Classrooms will be sanitized before students arrive.
- All adults will wash their hands before entering the classroom / gathering area. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be readily available.
- Catechetical leaders and catechists will limit physical contact with students (no handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, etc.).
- The Parish will cooperate with county or municipal health departments if a student or employee is diagnosed with a COVID-19. Names will be kept confidential.