

St. Therese's/St. Frances X. Cabrini Churches

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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

Welcome to the 2020/2021 Religious Education school year! Enclosed you will find this year's "*Calendar of Events*". Please be sure to make note of the dates when Religious Education *is* and *is not* scheduled.

MONDAY AFTERNOON STUDENTS

Classes will begin on Monday afternoon, September 21st, at 4:30 P.M., and end at 5:45 P.M. Doors will open for student entry at 4:10 PM. Classes are held in the John Paul II Center (formerly Gate of Heaven School). The students are to enter the building using the Rear Entrance. Even though the students will be seated 6 feet apart, we have revised our mask policy to everyone (students & teachers) wearing a mask at all times. We ask that all students wash their hands at home prior to coming to class. Everyone will have their temperature taken upon arrival. Hand sanitizer will be available for use at the entrance door and in each classroom. For the first few weeks, 1st grade parents will be allowed to escort their children to their classroom. All other students will enter on their own and volunteers will direct them to their classroom. Hallway water fountains will not be in use. Students may bring their own water bottle to class.

Dismissal/Pick Up Plan: All students will be led down to the back parking lot by their teachers through designated exit doors. The students will wear masks for dismissal and practice social distancing in their lines. The back parking lot will be blocked off to parking or traffic. Your child's class will have a designated area to stand in the parking lot (marked by a safety cone). Parents are asked to park in any of the other three parking lots surrounding the school and walk to their child's teacher to sign out their child.

TUESDAY EVENING STUDENTS

We will begin classes on Tuesday evening, September 22nd, at 5:45 P.M. and end at 7:00 P.M. Doors will open for student entry at 5:25 PM. Classes are held in the John Paul II Center (formerly Gate of Heaven School). The students are to enter the building using the Rear Entrance. Even though the students will be seated 6 feet apart, we have revised our mask policy to everyone (students & teachers) wearing a mask at all times. We ask that all students wash their hands at home prior to coming to class. Everyone will have their temperature taken upon arrival. Hand sanitizer will be available for use at the entrance door and in each classroom. For the first few weeks, 1st grade parents will be allowed to escort their children to their classroom. All other students will enter on their own and volunteers will direct them to their classroom. Hallway water fountains will not be in use. Students may bring their own water bottle to class. (*continued on back of page.*)

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WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDENTS

We will begin classes on Wednesday evening, September 23rd, at 6:45 P.M. and end at 8:00 P.M. Doors will open for student entry at 6:25 PM. Classes are held in the John Paul II Center (formerly Gate of Heaven School). The students are to enter the building using the Rear Entrance. Even though the students will be seated 6 feet apart, we have revised our mask policy to everyone (students & teachers) wearing a mask at all times. We ask that all students wash their hands at home prior to coming to class. Everyone will have their temperature taken upon arrival. Hand sanitizer will be available for use at the entrance door and in each classroom. All other students will enter on their own and volunteers will direct them to their classroom. Hallway water fountains will not be in use. Students may bring their own water bottle to class.

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SUMMER SESSION:

The students will not be gathering for the school-year Saturday morning "Events" this year. The Classes will be held Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Dates: June 21st to July 2nd, 2021, in St. Therese's Church Hall. More information will be sent in May 2021.

HOME-SCHOOL PROGRAM

All parents of Home-School students will be contacted by their child's teacher through email prior to the start of classes. Classes begin the week of Sept. 21st. Your child will receive their assignment via parent email each week. See enclosed calendar for weeks when there will be no instruction.

We ask that all student textbooks be picked up in the church hall on Wednesday, September 9th anytime between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

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SECURITY

The main and second floor doors of the John Paul II Center will be locked (10) ten minutes after the start of class on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. The classroom doors will be locked from the inside, providing your child with a safe and easy exit, if and when the need arises.

In order for your child to gain access to the building once the doors have been locked, you will need to call Mrs. Williams at the number(s) posted at the rear entrance of the school.

We trust you will support our security measures and make every effort to assure that your child arrives on time for class.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In the event of a relapse to the red phase before or once classes have begun, the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday classes will shift into weekly "at home/remote" sessions. Your child will then be instructed by their teacher through email or Google Classroom. Contact will be made through parent emails noted on the registration forms.

All frequently touched surfaces in the John Paul II Center classes and building (banisters, bathrooms, door handles, etc.) will be cleaned and disinfected prior to all programs.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 570-696-1144 ext. 29.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Denise Williams
Coordinator of Religious Education