



Dear Families,

Given the uncertainties that face us with COVID-19, we are following guidance from the Archdiocese as well as state and local governments and Jefferson County Schools as we determine best practices for Religious Education classes and Youth Groups for the upcoming year. As with everywhere else, this information is subject to change. Please be sure we have a current email address or that you are signed up for Flocknote to receive updates.

**For grades K-5, we plan to offer in-person learning with the following requirements:**

- Children and adults will wear masks at all times in the classroom buildings
- We will make every effort to have children and adults spaced 6 feet apart
- Separate entrances will be used, with staggered start and end times for classes
- If enrollment is high, we will be using other parish buildings to provide adequate space

**In addition:**

- A remote option will be available for Sacramental Preparation Year 1 (Reconciliation) and Year 2 (Confirmation and First Communion) if families express a need for this – this will be combined online instruction and parent instruction.
- A home-school option will be available for all grades – this will be completely parent taught (for students in Sacramental Preparation, an interview will be scheduled mid-year and again near the end of the year to ensure readiness to receive the sacraments.) You will need to purchase a Leader Guide if you select this option.

**For Youth Groups (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) we plan to offer in-person meetings with the following requirements:**

- Children and adults will wear masks at all times in the classroom buildings
- Be prepared that things may change from week to week, due to unexpected circumstances; we are asking that you be flexible at this time.

**In addition:**

- We may offer virtual options if there is enough interest. These options may coincide with existing times or they might be a different option all together.

We ask that you complete the enclosed registration form and send it in as soon as possible, **before August 17<sup>th</sup>**, so we can determine classroom needs, catechist assignments, and purchase books.

Payment can be mailed in with your form or made in person after classes begin.

We will be in touch with more details as we gather information from you and other families. Thank you for your patience. May we all navigate these challenging times with grace and love for one another.



Dear Parents,

Please read this entire letter before enrolling your child for Religious Education classes. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to hold registration in the church gathering space. **All forms should be returned by mail, fax, email, or in person before August 17th.**

**PARENT CATECHESIS** – the Archdiocese has requested that we present specific parent catechesis programs **for parents of children in Sacramental Preparation**. Due to constraints on space and staff, we will only provide this opportunity for parents of children in Year 1 and Year 2 Sacramental Preparation this year. (Our Family Catechesis will not take place as it has in past years.) Parent catechesis will likely not begin until the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year.

**COVID-19** – A survey has been sent to all currently enrolled K-5 families regarding in-person vs. remote learning for this year. If you have not already completed the survey, please email Brenda at [bmaxwell@saintjudelakewood.org](mailto:bmaxwell@saintjudelakewood.org) to have the link for the survey sent to you.

- Religious Education classes are available for children in grades K – 5; Youth Group is open to children in grades 6 – 12. See Registration forms for schedules.
- Children must be enrolled in Kindergarten or above to attend regular RE classes. We offer classes for all grades and encourage participation before AND after receiving the sacraments.
- For Special Education classes or for RCIA for children or adults, please call the parish or email [bmaxwell@saintjudelakewood.org](mailto:bmaxwell@saintjudelakewood.org) for a registration form.

**Sacramental Preparation for baptized Catholics**

- Children in grades 2 and 3 who have not yet received the sacrament of reconciliation will be enrolled in “Sac Prep Year 1”\* (they will be in Sac Prep Year 2 the following school year).
- Children in grades 3 – 5 who have received the sacrament of reconciliation and/or the sacrament of Eucharist (1<sup>st</sup> Communion), but have NOT celebrated Confirmation will be enrolled in “Sac Prep Year 2”\*
- For children in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade who have not received the sacrament of reconciliation, please contact Brenda as soon as possible: [bmaxwell@saintjudelakewood.org](mailto:bmaxwell@saintjudelakewood.org)
- For children in grades 6 – 12 see schedule information on the Youth registration form. Students will be enrolled in both Youth Group and the Youth Sacramental Prep class.

\* DUE TO CLASSROOM SPACE LIMITATIONS, SACRAMENTAL PREP CLASS SIZES WILL BE LIMITED – IF YOU HAVE A STRONG DAY PREFERENCE (WED. OR SUN.), PLEASE PLAN TO REGISTER EARLY!

**Registration fees for the 2020 – 2021 year are as follows:**

*No child will be denied enrollment due to the inability to pay. However, you must contact us, or we have no way of knowing what your needs are. We are happy to work out a payment plan if that helps or may offer scholarships for those families unable to pay at all. Families on scholarship may be asked to provide time and talent to aid our programs.*

- Elementary (K – 5<sup>th</sup>) \$50 per child
- ~~Sac Prep (Year 1 or Year 2) Retreat fee \$25 per child (in addition to the \$50 fee)~~
- Jr. High (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Youth Group \$50 per child
- Special Ed \$50 per child
- High School Youth Group (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) \$30 per child
- Sacramental Preparation for children above 5<sup>th</sup> grade \$50 per child + retreat fee tbd

***(Information continued on back of this page)***

More information including a detailed schedule, will be emailed out to enrolled families. **Please provide a valid email address that you check regularly!**

**A cap of \$150 per family** applies to all classes (retreat fees are additional).

For all children being registered in **Confirmation and Sacramental Preparation** classes: We must have a copy of your **child's Catholic baptismal certificate** with your registration even if your child was baptized at St. Jude.

For Elementary RE classes, please be aware that **email is our primary form of communication**. We generally send out weekly emails to keep you informed of any changes in schedule, upcoming special events, etc. Please provide a valid email address and check it regularly so we can keep you informed about your child's programs. Thank you.

If you haven't already, consider joining Flocknote to receive parish-wide information. We also use Flocknote to send group-specific emails or texts. Sign up for the groups you want to receive messages from at [www.flocknote.com/stjudelakewood](http://www.flocknote.com/stjudelakewood) or text stjude to 84576.

If you have any registration questions, please feel free to call or email us. We hope you've had a wonderful, faith-filled summer!

In Christ,  
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# 2020 – 2021 Elementary Religious Ed Registration (K-5)

## St. Jude Catholic Church

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell or work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

With whom does the child(ren) live?  both parents together  both parents but in separate homes  
 mother  father  guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email(s)\*: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**\*email is our primary form of communication. Please include a valid, frequently checked email address.**

Weekly classes for K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are either Sunday from 12:30 to 1:45 **or** Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.  
 Please indicate your class day preference (S or W) below.\* There may be a remote option this year.

**Please check your preference below:**

- We are planning to attend in-person classes
- We prefer remote learning if it is available (shorter online class led by a catechist, with parent follow-up). We are aware that this may not be an option and that the class times may be different than in-person classes. **If remote learning is not available:**
  - We would like to teach our child(ren) at home. Please contact us with curriculum information.
  - We will enroll our child in in-person classes.
  - We will not enroll our child in Religious Ed classes this year.
- Our child is in Sacramental Preparation and we have attached a copy of their Catholic Baptismal Certificate or will submit it as soon as classes begin.

<b>Child Information</b>									
Please indicate any medical concerns on the back of this page.				<b>Has the child received the following sacraments?</b>					
First Name and Middle Name	Last Name	Sex	Birthdate	Catholic Baptism	Reconciliation	Communion	Confirmation	2020-2021 Grade	Preferred Class Day* (S or W)

Payment can be mailed in with your form or made in person after classes begin. We cannot issue refunds, but if you determine that the class time you selected does not work for you, we will do our best to accommodate your child in another class.

**Please complete the back side of this page – use a blank sheet for additional children.**

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Medical information we should be aware of:**

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Learning disability or other information that would be helpful for our staff:

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I hereby grant consent and release to St. Jude Church to use photographs of my child for the church website, displays in church or other St. Jude buildings, and/or bulletin.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Medical information we should be aware of:**

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Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Medical information we should be aware of:**

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