

# New Religious Education Program

## Adapting to the Pandemic and Needs of Our Parish Family



- **Sacramentally Based - Living Our Relationship with Our Loving God**
- **Online and Zoom Supported (Convenience and Safety Considerations)**
- **Focused on Parents Sharing Their Faith with Their Children with Supplemental and Catechetical Assistance from Teachers**
- **Special Topics for Today's Culture: Is There a God? Who is Jesus? Why do we Need Church?**
- **Service Projects – To Put into Action the Faith That We are Blessed With.**



More Information will be available on our website ([esacredheart.org](http://esacredheart.org) under the education tab), in next weeks bulletin or by calling our DRE, Mr. Michael Merlo at (248)-852-4170 x12

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- **Sacramentally Based - Living Our Relationship with Our Loving God**

- Studies have shown that faith based on relationships last much longer than faith based on obligation and rules
- Our objective is for the children to truly understand that the Lord has made them special, each and everyone of them. The Lord, just like in the story of the Prodigal Son, or with the Apostles on the road to Emmaus, yearns to be with his beloved creation. He constantly provides us with his special Gifts of Grace, in the Sacraments, to help us build and invite us into a relationship with the Trinity.
- First and Second graders will concentrate on the concept that we are loved by our caring and merciful God. God has made us all very good, he constantly wants to be involved in our life and that Jesus provides this gift of himself to us at every Mass in the Eucharist and in his Word.
- Third, Fourth, and Fifth graders will focus on the mercy, forgiveness, and redemptive acts of Jesus. Even though God made us very good and loves us very much, we make choices to ignore God's love and reject this relationship. Our selfishness rather than love drives our choices and separation from God. But God still is searching for us just like Adam and Eve in the Garden. He died for us because he loves us so much, and wants us to allow him to re-establish the relationship. We do this through the Act of Reconciliation.
- Sixth, Seventh and Eighth graders will study when they were Baptized they were chosen for a mission. This mission is to spread the Gospel, the good news of God's love and sacrifice to redeem us so we can live with him forever. To do this mission, they , just like all of us, require the gifts of the Spirit. We can't do it by ourselves, but Jesus tells us with the grace of God we can do things greater than he did. Just like the Apostles at Pentecost they will receive this same gift at Confirmation

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- **Online and Zoom supported (Convenience and Safety Considerations)**
  - Parents will watch, teach, and participate with their children as they proceed through the material in the security and safety at their home
  - There will be no more rushing, skipping meals or juggling schools activities for Religious Education
- Focused on parents sharing their faith with their children with supplemental and Catechetical assistance from online videos
- Sacred Heart Catechists (teachers) will have monthly Zoom Meetings with parents to
  - Answer questions
  - Provide supplemental material
  - Access Progress
  - Provide assistance
- This program also provides parents the opportunity to review and understand more fully the faith they are sharing with their children.

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- **Special Topics for Today's Culture in a program titled "SEARCH"**
  - **Topics include: Is There a God? Who is Jesus? Why do we Need Church?**
  - **Once a month on a specified Sunday, in the Social Hall, parents, children and catechist, will watch an online 30-35 minute "SEARCH" video followed by a 30 minute discussion.**
  - **Goal is to address many of the issues are culture attack our faith with.**
- **Service Projects**
  - **Minimal Contact and Safety are top priorities**
  - **Objective is to put into Action the Faith that we are Blessed with.**
  - **Today's younger generation want to belong before they believe. When they part of something doing good, then they look into the why or what is behind it.**