



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

COVID Precautions for our Children's Programs

With Early Childhood and PSR preparing for classes to begin on Sept. 13, we would like to share with families some safety measures that we will be implementing.

- 1.) All catechists, assistants, and students must wear a face covering, as mandated by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), whether it is a face mask, a neck gaiter, bandana, etc. Nose, mouth, and chin must be covered during class time. Masks for students are highly recommended by the Ohio Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Please work with your child(ren) to choose a face covering that s/he is comfortable wearing and then practice wearing it in advance of classes starting. We will have a small variety of face coverings available for those who forget to wear one, so that everyone is protected. Our goal is everyone's protection, including our catechists and assistants. When possible and reasonable, we will offer some distanced time/breaks when the children can remove their coverings for a few minutes.
- 2.) Each child will be given a separate pencil case/holder for their supplies. We will not be using shared supplies during class time. Lessons will be removed from student texts in advance of class, and students will bring the lessons home with them each week.
- 3.) Bibles will be wiped down after use and allowed to air dry between class sessions.
- 4.) In all classroom scenarios, children will be asked to maintain a distance of at least three feet from others, six feet during breaks. Recommended by the AAP and the CDC.
- 5.) Increased cleaning and disinfecting will occur between classes.
- 6.) Students will be asked to use hand sanitizer when entering the classrooms.
- 7.) Parents/ visitors must wear a face covering when escorting children to the classrooms and picking them up after class, as mandated by the Ohio Department of Health.
- 8.) Finally, and perhaps most important, if you are exhibiting any signs of COVID or any other illness, please do not join us for class that week.