

Holy Spirit Parish

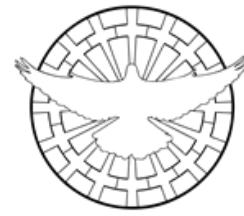
Office of Lifelong Faith Formation



2021-2022

Family Handbook

August 19, 2021



Dear Holy Spirit Families:

Welcome back to another year of Faith Formation!

Please take a moment to review the attached academic calendar and add the dates for special programs and/or Masses to your family calendar.

We all know that the family is the Domestic Church, and it is where disciples are first formed. The parish's role is that of a support to our Domestic Churches in their essential responsibility as faith guides and teachers to their children. Weekly Mass is the primary means of parish support. The community comes together to nurture one another and to be nourished by Jesus Christ through his Word and his Body. Mass is the most important part of your child's faith development. For children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Eucharist, weekly Mass is an essential component of their Sacrament preparation. The whole purpose of the initiation Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion is to prepare your child to join with the parish community in sharing the Eucharist each week. Involving your child in children's Liturgy of the Word, or having them assist at Mass, will help your child strengthen a sense of belonging and ownership in the Mass. It will assist her/him to better understand who Jesus is, and what Jesus has called us all to do. Nurturing our children's friendship with Jesus is the ultimate aim of Faith Formation. This academic year we are hoping to return to our pre-pandemic tradition of having the 9AM Mass at St. Mary's, and the 10AM Mass at St. Martha be designated as "hands-on" Masses, where children are encouraged to help with the various Mass roles like greeting, collecting, altar serving and gift bearing. ☺

Our faith formation programs are dependent on the willingness of parishioners to volunteer, and there are many ways to help. Please pray with your family about how you can contribute to the youth faith formation endeavors at Holy Spirit parish, and complete both sides of the Registration and Contribution Form. Classes and programs offered in the Family Handbook are contingent on enough volunteers coming forward to lead them.

The diocesan office of faith formation is in contact with state and CDC officials, and keeps parishes apprised of any pandemic-related changes that might alter current schedules or programming. Occasionally, we need to change a date or detail provided in this Handbook, so please consult the weekly parish bulletin, e-mails, and handouts that your child brings home, to stay updated. The parish **Office of Lifelong Faith Formation** will communicate primarily through e-mail, so kindly ensure that we have your current e-mail address throughout the year.

It is my privilege to continue to serve the families of Holy Spirit parish, and a blessing to work with an outstanding group of catechists who have answered "yes" to the Holy Spirit's call to share faith with our children.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have. I look forward to a wonderful year with each of you!!!

In Christ,

Carolyn F. Houston, Director
Office of Lifelong Faith Formation

Liturgy of the Word for Children 2021-2022



Liturgy of the Word for Children is not a class, rather it is a worship experience for the children at their level.

- For health and safety concerns, the start of Children’s Liturgy will be postponed to January 9, 2022.
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word is held during the 9am Mass at St. Mary’s and during the 10am Mass at St. Martha each Sunday. It follows the same holiday/cancellation schedule as Youth Faith Formation.
- Participating children join a Minister of the Word in an adjoining worship space during Mass after the opening prayer and return before the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- With the Minister of the Word, children hear the Word of God for that Sunday in a manner in which they can understand and respond to.

Family “Mass Class” Liturgies

Participation in weekly Mass is an essential component to the faith formation program at Holy Spirit Parish. It is hoped that our children will take leadership roles within our liturgical celebrations by participating as musicians, servers, lectors, greeters, ushers, etc Active participation in the Liturgy gives children a sense of ownership in their parish. During the academic year, the 9am Mass at St. Mary’s and the 10am Mass at St. Martha will attempt to utilize children for various necessary Mass “roles” (ministries) before seeking adult volunteers.

Twice a year we have a designated Family Mass. These Masses are an opportunity for all of the families involved in Faith Formation to celebrate together at one church site. **Our Family Masses for the 2021-2022 academic year are scheduled for December 5th at 10am at St. Martha, and May 15th at 9am at St. Mary’s. Both Masses will TAKE THE PLACE of classes for children (and families!!!) at BOTH sites those Sundays (and following Monday classes).** Please plan to have your family attend these Masses and watch for the notices regarding any additional special liturgies throughout the academic year. It is often said that . . . the family that prays together, stays together . . . ☺



Circle of Grace **Safe Environment Program**



Circle of Grace aims to equip our children and young people by arming them with essential knowledge and skills grounded in the richness of our faith. This program helps children and young people to understand their own (and other's) dignity in mind, body, and spirit.

What is a Circle of Grace?

The Catholic Church teaches that God has created each of us as unique and special. Genesis 1:27 tells us that we are created “male and female in God’s image” and that God saw this as “very good”. In that goodness, we are meant to respect ourselves and everyone else as persons created and loved by God.

Adults assist children and young people to recognize God’s love by helping them to understand that each of us lives and moves in a *Circle of Grace*. You can imagine your own Circle of Grace by putting your arms above your head then circle down in front of your body including side to side. This circle, front to back, holds who you are in your body and through your senses. It holds your very essence in mind, heart, soul, and sexuality.

Why is it important to help our children understand the Circle of Grace?

God intends our relationships in life to be experiences of divine love. Respectful, nurturing, loving relationships increase our understanding of our own value and help us to love others. It is never too early to help children and young people understand how very special they are and how relationships in life are called to be sacred. Understanding this can help them to protect the special person they are and to be respectful of others.

Adults, especially parents, as they strive to provide a safe and protective environment, hold the responsibility to help children and young people understand and respect their own dignity and that of others. A truly safe and protective environment is one where children and young people recognize when they are safe or unsafe and know how to bring their concerns, fears, and uncertainties to the trusted adults in their lives.

How is the Circle of Grace Program different from other protection programs?

According to research, one in four girls and one in seven boys will be sexually abused by age eighteen.* Many protection programs focus on “stranger danger”; however, up to ninety percent (90%) of the time the perpetrator of abuse is known to the child or young person such as a relative or a family friend. *Circle of Grace* goes beyond just protection by helping children and young people understand the sacredness of who they are and how to seek help through their relationships with trusted adults.

Class time on **January 23/24 and 30/31** will be utilized to complete the three *Circle of Grace* lessons that have been written for each particular age group.

If you should have any questions or concerns about this new diocesan-wide endeavor, please feel free to contact the parish faith formation director, Carolyn Houston.

*www.usccb.org or <http://nccanch.acfhhs.gov>

2021-2022 Youth Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation Preparation

“Through the sacraments, our children encounter Jesus who, in His mercy, desires to walk with them throughout their lives. We want this encounter to be a true experience of grace, and one which provides a foundation for a life of faith.” Bishop Robert P. Deeley, June 2015

Parents of children in need of Baptismal preparation should contact Carolyn Houston as soon as possible.

1st & 2nd Year/Grade

In the Diocese of Portland, children receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in their second year. Our diocese has implemented a uniform approach to preparing children to receive the sacraments. This approach involves parents as well as the children, and hopes to foster a partnership among parents, faith formation coordinators, and our catechists. This method consists of a two-year preparation period. The first (Year 1) includes children in first or second grade and will focus on the child and parents' relationship with God and the Church. The second (Year 2) includes children in second or third grade. It will focus on each of the three sacraments and what children need to know so their hearts are fully prepared to receive them. Children and parents will prepare via weekly classes at the parish, weekly assignments within their Domestic Church (family), Journey in Faith sessions, retreat experiences, and using their faith formation text and class handout resources.

There will be an **important parent overview meeting** for all parents of children in the 1st and 2nd Year of Sacramental Preparation. Parents need only attend one of three options: at St. Martha at 9:05am on October 3rd; via Zoom at 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 5th; or at St. Mary's at 10:05am on October 17th.

Dates for the Sacramental Celebrations of Reconciliation and Eucharist-Confirmation will be announced once they have been scheduled.

3rd – 8th Grade

For children beginning their preparation as 3rd – 8th graders, their preparation will include regular child and parent participation in their respective faith formation program as well as supplemental materials and/or events as facilitated by Mrs. Houston. Please contact Mrs. Houston directly if you have a child in 3rd – 8th grade beginning Sacramental Preparation.

High School

If you have a child who is in high school and would like to begin preparation for receiving these Sacraments, please contact Carolyn Houston.

Journey in Faith Sessions

Three years ago, our parish launched an intergenerational faith formation endeavor that was very well received by participants over the two years the sessions took place. The pandemic restrictions prohibited us from continuing with the Journey in Faith sessions last academic year, but we hope to offer it again this year with safety precautions in place.

This intergenerational family format is the foundation for what the parish envisions for faith formation in the future. The family is the Domestic Church and the primary catechists for Catholic children.

These sessions will involve parishioners of every age, pre-school through adult. We'll gather together for some refreshment, prayer, and then break into age-appropriate faith formation groups on the same (or a closely related) topic.

We are called to form our faith as well as our community. Our mission as Catholics is to grow closer to Jesus, and to share His story with others. These Journey in Faith sessions will enable us to learn more while evangelizing one another as a faith family. They will also assist us in recognizing how we are called to bring the love of Jesus to our wider community as well.

The dates for the Journey in Faith sessions are listed below, and more information about each session will be provided in the bulletin and through email as the dates approach. We hope that you will enter these dates in your calendar, and plan to join other members of your faith family for catechesis and community-building.

To ensure that there are enough leaders and supplies, we need an RSVP for CHILDREN by the Wednesday before the session.

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. November 7 th , 3-5pm	St. Mary's
2. December 12 th , 3-5pm	St. Martha
3. January 23 rd , 3-5pm	St. Mary's
4. March 6 th , 3-5pm	St. Martha
5. April 3 rd , 3-5pm	St. Mary's
6. May 1 st , 3-5pm	St. Martha

Holy Spirit Youth Faith Formation Programs & Policies – 2021/2022

Classes begin September 26/27, and continue through May 22/23. The availability of each class/session is dependent upon whether a volunteer has come forward to lead that particular class/session and that enough children have enrolled in each class.

K through 7

- **St. Mary site** –Sundays at 10am
- **St. Martha site** –Sundays at 9am.
- **A Monday session from 3:45 – 4:45pm at St. Mary’s may be offered if there is enough interest.**
 - Children will be using a Bible-based catechetical program that focuses on being a disciple of Jesus with an emphasis on the Sacraments and symbols of the Church.
 - Children will meet with others in their grade to discuss, learn about, and experience those things that make us Catholic Christians.
 - As with any other educational endeavor in which your children participate, there may be activities for completion at home.
 - It is expected that the whole family will participate in the six **Journey in Faith** sessions
- **Family Faith Formation** is a weekly at-home option for children grades 3-7 who have already received Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. Families will check in with Mrs. Houston monthly and attend all of the **Journey in Faith** sessions.

Grades 8-12 - Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

- **Sundays at 10am** - Class is a combined parish group from both church sites and will meet at St. Mary’s for the first half of the year. An assessment will be made halfway through the year as to whether the second half of the year will continue at St. Mary’s or move to St. Martha at 9am. There will be carpooling from St. Martha to St. Mary’s.
- A more detailed schedule is provided directly to families during the first few weeks of class
 - In addition to religious education, students are expected to participate in some or all of the following: community service, group discussions and events, diocesan events, and retreats

Children with Special Needs

- Adaptive materials and catechetical settings will be arranged based on the needs of the child(ren).

Parish Youth Faith Formation Policies

- **Weekly attendance at Mass is an essential component of ALL of the Faith Formation programs.**
- All parents are requested to read through the youth **Faith Formation Family Handbook**, and to return the **Parent Acknowledgement Form** to the parish office (or to your child’s catechist).
- **Attendance** – If your child will be absent, please advise the catechist, and make up the missed topic.
- For our children in K-4, a parent must do pick-up unless a **signed note is provided before class**. Children in grades 5-7 should not leave the building without a parent present.
- **Children who are preparing for any of the Sacraments are expected to participate in all sessions. Absences should be excused, and missed work made up at home. No more than three absences will be considered acceptable.**
- **Cancellation** – Cancellations due to inclement weather may be posted on **WGME, WCSH &/or WMTW cancellation websites & broadcasts**. Monday class will be cancelled if school/after-school activities are cancelled by the Wells-Ogunquit School District due to inclement weather.
- **Books/Folders/Notices** – Books, folders and/or notices may be sent home with your child for family activity and/or information. Kindly check with your child after class each week.
- **Withdrawing** – Please advise the parish if you are moving or withdrawing your child from Faith Formation classes.
- **In order to save on parish resources, e-mail will be the primary means of communication.** Families are requested to update the parish on any **address, telephone or e-mail** changes throughout the academic year.

#CareForSelf&Others #StopTheSpread

Self-Check Before Going To Faith Formation



4  to Go

1  to Stop



Symptoms?

TRUE or **FALSE**



I do not have ANY of the following unusual symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Unexplained body aches.

Covid-19 Contact?



TRUE or **FALSE**



Within the last 10 days I have not had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with or who may have symptoms associated with COVID-19.

Consider your answer "True" if you are fully vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2.



Face Covering?

TRUE or **FALSE**



I will wear a face covering whenever inside a building with others.

Travel?



TRUE or **FALSE**



I have not traveled outside of the United States of America in the last seven days.

Consider your answer "True" if you are fully vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2.

IF ALL FOUR STATEMENTS ARE TRUE

you may participate in faith formation while minimizing the risk of exposing others to Covid-19.



Holy Spirit Parish Youth Faith Formation

2021/2022 Academic Year Calendar

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
<p>19 Catechetical Sunday</p> <p><u>St. Martha</u> 26 K-7 Sunday Classes begin 9am</p> <p><u>St. Mary</u> 26 K-12 Sunday classes begin at 10am 27 1-7 Monday classes begin at 3:45pm</p>	<p><u>St. Martha</u> 3 K-7 Sunday Classes 9am 3 Sacramental Prep. Parent Mtg (option 1) for Year 1 and Year 2 children 9:05am 5 Sacramental Prep. Parent Mtg (option 2) for Year 1 and Year 2 children 6:30pm – virtual via Zoom 17 K-7 Sunday Classes 9am 24 K-7 Sunday Classes 9am 31 K-7 Sunday Classes 9am</p> <p><u>St. Mary</u> 3 K-12 Sunday Classes 10am 4 1-7 Monday classes 3:45pm 17 K-12 Sunday Classes 10am 17 Sacramental Prep. Parent Mtg (option 3) for Year 1 and Year 2 children 10:05am 18 1-7 Monday classes 3:45pm 24 K-12 Sunday Classes 10am 25 1-7 Monday classes 3:45pm 31 K-12 Sunday Classes 10am Nov.1 1-7 Monday classes 3:45pm</p>	<p>7 Journey in Faith 3-5pm St. Mary's</p> <p><u>St. Martha</u> 7 K-7 Sunday Classes 9am 7 Journey in Faith 3-5pm St. Mary's 14 K-7 Sunday Classes 9am 21 K-7 Sunday Classes 9am</p> <p><u>St. Mary</u> 7 K-12 Sunday Classes 10am\ 7 Journey in Faith 3-5pm St. Mary's 8 1-7 Monday Classes 3:45pm 14 K-12 Sunday Classes 10am 15 1-7 Monday Classes 3:45pm 21 K-12 Sunday Classes 10am 22 1-7 Monday Classes 3:45pm</p>
<p><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>5 FAMILY MASS!! St. Martha 10am 8 Holy day of obligation – Immaculate conception of Mary 12 Journey in Faith 3-5pm St. Martha 25 Holy day of obligation - Christmas</p> <p><u>St. Martha</u> 5 K-7 Family Mass in place of class 10am 12 K-7 Sunday Classes 9am 12 Journey in Faith 3-5pm St. Martha 19 K-7 Sunday Classes 9am</p> <p><u>St. Mary</u> 5 K-12 Family Mass in place of class 10am AT ST. MARTHA 6 1-7 Family Mass in place of class 10am on December 5th AT ST. MARTHA 12 K-12 Sunday Classes 10am 12 Journey in Faith 3-5pm St. Martha 13 1-7 Monday Classes 3:45pm 19 K-12 Sunday Classes 10am 20 1-7 Monday Classes 3:45pm</p>	<p><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>1 Holy day of obligation – Solemnity of Mary 23 Journey in Faith 3-5pm St. Mary's 23/24 Circle of Grace training during Sunday & Monday classes</p> <p><u>St. Martha</u> 9 K-7 Sunday Classes 9am 23 K-7 Sunday Classes 9am 23 Circle of Grace training during Sunday classes 23 Journey in Faith 3-5pm St. Mary's 30 K-7 Sunday Classes 9am</p> <p><u>St. Mary</u> 9 K-12* Sunday Classes 10am 10 1-7 Monday Classes 3:45pm 23 K-12 Sunday Classes 10am 23 Circle of Grace training during Sunday classes 23 Journey in Faith 3-5pm St. Mary's 24 1-7 Monday Classes 3:45pm 24 Circle of Grace training during Monday classes 30 K-12 Sunday Classes 10am 31 1-7 Monday Classes 3:45pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*location of 8-12 class to be determined</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p><u>St. Martha</u> 6 K-7 Sunday Classes 9am 13 K-7 Sunday Classes 9am 27 K-7 Sunday Classes 9am</p> <p><u>St. Mary</u> 6 K-12* Sunday Classes 10am 7 1-7 Monday Classes 3:45pm 13 K-12 Sunday Classes 10am 14 1-7 Monday Classes 3:45pm 27 K-12 Sunday Classes 10am 28 1-7 Monday Classes 3:45pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*location of 8-12 class to be determined</p>

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Holy Spirit Parish

St. Martha 30 Portland Rd., Kennebunk, ME 04043-0510 (207-985-6252)

St. Mary's 236 Eldridge Rd., Wells, ME 04090 (207-646-1579)

Parish Website

www.holyspiritme.org

Parish Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/holyspiritmaine/?ref=br_rs

Office of Lifelong Faith Formation

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Holy Spirit Parish **Youth** Faith Formation Registration & Contribution Form – 2021/2022

Parent/Guardian Name	Address (please include town)	Telephone	E-mail (important)*

Parent/Guardian Name	Address (please include town)	Telephone	E-mail (important)*

***In an attempt to be good stewards of the earth & of parish resources, e-mail (if available to your family) will be used primarily. If your family is not registered with the parish (or does not have email), please contact the office at 646-5605 or 985-6252.**

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

The home is the first place a disciple is formed, so the Church refers to the Catholic family as the Domestic Church. Since Vatican II, there has been a renewed emphasis on the importance and dignity of the Domestic Church as "islands of Christian life in an unbelieving world" (*Catechism*, 1655). At Holy Spirit parish, faith formation programs exist to assist and support parents in their duty to pass on the light of faith to their children. The Diocese of Portland has instituted guidelines and requirements that the parish has incorporated into the faith formation options.

Please enter the requested information below. Indicate the program(s) in which you are enrolling your child(ren) by using the following codes:

<u>KFF</u> Faith Formation (K-7) Sundays 9am, St. Martha <u>YM</u> (grades 8-12) Sundays 10am St. Mary's* * at least through December meetings	<u>WFF</u> – Faith Formation (K-7) Sundays 10a.m., St. Marys <u>MON</u> Faith Formation (1-7) Mondays 3:45pm St. Marys <u>FFF</u> Family Faith Formation (3-7) at-home with monthly meetings
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1.

Child's Name	grade	date of birth	place of birth	program(s) enrolling in

If baptized, date & place	Confirmed (yes/no)	1 st Eucharist (yes/no)	Prepared for penance (yes/no)	School IEP (yes/no)

2.

Child's Name	grade	date of birth	place of birth	program(s) enrolling in

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Child's Name	grade	date of birth	place of birth	program(s) enrolling in

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PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF REGISTRATION FORM – See other side

Holy Spirit Parish Youth Faith Formation Registration & Contribution Form – Page Two

**“MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.” FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL OF OUR CHILDREN,
PLEASE FIND SOMETHING ON THIS LIST THAT YOU CAN HELP OUT WITH:**

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

- Minister of the Word** – begins January 9, 2022 – 9am St. Mary’s; 10am St. Martha
Assist children in understanding the Sunday readings during Mass

GRADES PreK-4 FAITH FORMATION

- Faith Sharer/Catechist** – Grade level _____
Academic year - leads a group of children in exploring and furthering their Catholic faith
- Asst. Faith Sharer/Catechist** – Grade level _____
Academic year - assists the Faith Sharer/Catechist
- Faith Tech.** works one-on-one with a child with special needs
- Substitute Catechist** (on list for catechists to call in the event catechist plans an absence)
- Assist** with the Sacramental celebrations & retreats
- Assist** with receptions following celebrations/retreats
- Working with a small group of children studying to become Catholic



SPIRITUALITY

- Youth retreat planning committee (please specify age group) _____

MIDDLE SCHOOL (grades 5-7) FORMATION

- Serve on Sunday faith building team as a co-catechist
- Serve on projects/activities team planning parish events for Jr. High teens
- Chaperone diocesan and/or parish events

YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 8-12)

- Serve on Sunday faith building team as a co-catechist
- Serve on projects/activities team planning parish and community events for teens
- Chaperone diocesan and/or parish events

CLERICAL / MISCELLANEOUS HELP

- organizing supplies cutting materials cooking
- telephone calls card writing preparing craft projects
- sewing send reminder emails organizing closets
- sign language Other (please explain) _____

SUGGESTED DONATION FOR TEXTS/MATERIALS for the ENTIRE academic year:

Catechists/Assistants	No Donation
Early Bird registration (received by 9/5/2022)	\$25 /child or \$75/family
Budget Envelope Users	\$30 /child or \$90/family
All Others:	\$35 /child or \$100/family

TOTAL DONATION: _____

For parents registering children for youth faith formation:

I request permission for my child(ren) to attend faith formation at Holy Spirit Parish. I have read the Faith Formation policies, and I agree to read the 2020-2021 Faith Formation Family Handbook. I understand it is my family’s responsibility to abide by the parish’s policies, and to assist the parish faith formation program.

I give permission for photos of my child(ren), to be displayed within the parish and on the parish website and/or Facebook page. For safety reasons, no child’s photograph will be identified by name.

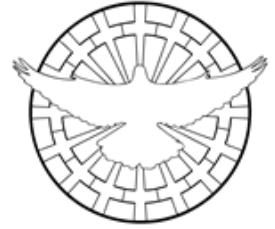
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature

Date

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature

Date

Parent Acknowledgement Form 2021-2022



This handbook is meant to provide the families of Holy Spirit Parish with helpful information on how our parish intends to assist you with faith formation. The one certainty in life is change, and while we would certainly prefer that the schedule as written in this handbook remains the same, there is the possibility of necessary changes as the academic year progresses. Parents will be notified, by email, if changes are made to any procedures or information contained in this booklet.

Due to the covid-19 pandemic, the parish has instituted several safety precautions:

- Children will be spaced three feet apart.
- Until further notice, all faith formation participants will be required to wear a mask when inside.
- Prior to class, all participants are required to complete the self-check that is provided in this handbook. Parents are required to complete the self-check for their children.
- Anyone with symptoms like a cough, congestion, runny nose, diarrhea or vomiting, or anyone in quarantine pursuant to state regulations, should not attend any class or gathering at either church.
- Upon entering the classroom, children will need to use hand sanitizer (parents can opt to provide their own).

This is to acknowledge that I/we have received the Holy Spirit Parish Faith Formation handbook, and the parish pandemic safety protocols. We understand and agree to cooperate with the parish policies.

Signed (parent)

Date

Signed (parent)

Date

Signed (student)

Date

Signed (student)

Date

*If you have more than two students in your family (☺), please feel free to use the reverse side of this form!

Please sign this form and return it to the parish office, put it in the collection basket at Mass, or leave it with your child's catechist ☺