

August 2020

Dear Parish Family of St. Therese,

I hope this letter finds each of you well, safe and enjoying the summer season!

We are going “Back to Basics” (B2B) with our Catholic faith fundamentals once again with the upcoming 2020-2021 formation/education year. This is so important on our journeys as Catholic Christians since it encompasses the basic groundwork of our faith that prepares each of us with the tools to actively live according to the Gospel. **However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in the interest of health and safety, this year we are doing something a bit different with the format and schedule of our B2B program.**

In the upcoming weeks, you will see registration information and a schedule with monthly formational topics. There will be **two 30-45-minute virtual sessions per month for that month’s learning topic.** In addition, links for home kits/activities will be provided throughout the year so that you may continue your faith-based learning journey at home with your loved ones.

The session descriptions, registration information and schedule will be published soon on our church website (<http://www.sttheresechesva.org>) under “Faith Formation”. Also, look for those upcoming details in your weekly emails from Father Kevin at St. Therese. **PLEASE** be certain that we have your current email address on file so that you do not miss any pertinent information.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Per Diocesan policy, if you are registered for a sacramental preparation program (First Eucharist (grades 1 & 2), Confirmation (grades 9 & 10), and/or RCIA/RCIC), it is **IMPERATIVE** to attend ALL of the sessions of “Back to Basics” in 2020-2021 as part of your learning journey. If you have any extenuating circumstances, please contact me at the office @ (757) 488-2553 x 309 or jhawley@sttheresechesva.org to discuss.
- In the future, whenever we are permitted to resume in-person meetings/sessions, children (ages 15 and under) **MUST** be accompanied by their parents/legal guardians within the church facility.

We are excited to be able to provide a wonderful, fresh, inspiring formation program to assist and serve each one of you on your journeys as we all seek to model our lives after our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, ideas or if you need any clarification on the above-mentioned information. God bless each of you always. Be well and be safe.

In Peace,

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PS. As a church, we are reaching out to parish family members and local community members who have been affected by COVID-19. We are kindly asking for children (ages 4-17) to make general “Get Well cards” for those members who have dealt with the physical and emotional impacts of the pandemic. If each child could make 2 or 3 cards, that would be greatly appreciated. You may drop off your cards to the parish office any time between 10:00am-12:00pm or 12:30pm-3:00pm Monday-Friday.