

Dear Religious Education families,

Over the past several months our Religious Education team has spent time in prayer, dialogue with the Diocese of Green Bay, meeting with families, monitoring Freedom School District and CDC publications and speaking with other ministers in the field. It has always been our goal to support parents and their children as they grow in their Catholic Faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.



The two options that we will be offering our families for the 2021-2022 Religious Education year were created to be true to our goal of assisting parents and families grow in their faith and to provide the safest possible environment for all students, their families and our volunteers.

Please prayerfully consider which option will be the best fit for your family. If you have any questions please contact Kathy at kbrennan@stnicholasfreedom.org or Lisa at ne@stnicholasfreedom.org or call 920-788-1451.

Registration for 2021-2022 will NOT be in person this year. Please go to <https://www.stnicholasfreedom.org/religious-education> to print out registration and liability forms to complete. In order to reserve a spot for your child, you must have all forms filled out, a \$50 deposit per family, the Sacramental Preparations fees, and all past unpaid balances. This may be either dropped off in the parish office or mailed to St. Nicholas NE, W2037 County Rd S, Freedom, 54130.

The start date for all grades will be September 29th with a home-based study. The Elementary School will start in-person October 6th. The Middle School will be a Home Study on October 6th and in-person the following week. As you know, the changing virus data may cause us to update or even change our plans.

Thank you,

Kathy, Jennifer, and Lisa

Option 1: In-Person (On-Site and Home-Based) Religious Education Sessions

On-site day and time:

Grades 1-5	1 st and 3 rd Wednesday/month	5:30-6:45 PM
Grades 6-8	2 nd and 4 th Wednesday/month	5:30-6:45 PM
Grades 9-11	In-Person Each Wednesday	7:15-8:30 PM
With a Family Event for all grades approximately 1x per month		

Home-Based day and time:

Grades 1-5	2 nd and 4 th Wednesday
Grades 6-8	1 st and 3 rd Wednesday

- A. Each family will receive learning materials for their child/ren which will build on what their child/ren explored during their on-site learning session.
- B. Students in grades 1-5 will all receive the same materials for their home-based learning sessions, as will students in grades 6-8 or 9-11. This combining of the grade levels (elementary/middle/high school) will allow families to learn together and decrease the number of themes a parent needs to explore with their children.

- C. The Religious Education team is committed to supporting you and your family as you grow and deepen your faith. We are always available to answer your questions, provide you with additional resources and practical support. You can contact any member of our team through our e-mails or with a phone call.

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- D. Sacramental Preparation: Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation will be in addition to the above sessions. More information about Sacramental Preparation can be found on the St. Nicholas website.

Cost: \$150/child with a \$375/family cap

Option 2 Family-based Religious Education (at home)

Families learn and share the Faith together in their homes.

Session themes and materials will be provided.

Grades 1-8: Families will receive weekly themes and materials which can be used for children in grades 1-8.

Families will keep a Family Faith Scrapbook documenting their journey.

Grades 9-11: Families will receive weekly themes and materials which can be used for children in grades 9-11.

Families will keep a Faith Journal documenting their journey.

Families will meet with a member of the Religious Education Team two times during the year. The two meetings with a team member can take place in person or virtually.

Families will be asked to share their Family Faith Scrapbook or High School Faith Journal during their meeting with a team member. Keeping a Family Faith Scrapbook or High School Faith Journal are a required component of the Family-Based Religious Education option.

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Sacramental Preparation: Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation will be in addition to the above sessions. More information about Sacramental Preparation can be found on the St. Nicholas website.

Cost \$115/student with a \$305/family cap