

**Saint Mary and Saint John Religious Education Programs  
Bloomington & Patch Grove, Wisconsin  
Pastor: Rev. John Meinholz**

---

**Policies & Procedures for a Return to Faith Formation 2020-21  
& Parent Compliance Agreement**

Version 1.0 - 9/27/2020

**St. Mary's Religious Education Program**

-St. Mary's will provide in-person religious education classes for grades 1 through 10th grade from October through April. Materials will be provided for families who choose to homeschool.

-In the event of another "safer at home" order or shutdown of the River Ridge School District we will provide materials for at-home instruction for all students. St. Mary's will adhere to guidelines provided by the Grant County Health Department.

-If a Religious Education teacher is unable to attend class, we will attempt to find a substitute. If we cannot, materials will be provided for that class to complete coursework at home.

**St. Mary's Protective Measures, Hygiene, Food Safety, Cleaning**

-Masks will be worn by all, except for those who can't for health reasons.

-Frequent hand washing/sanitizing will be practiced.

-Seats will be assigned and placed at least 6 feet apart.

-Students will not share supplies or books.

-Bathrooms will be assigned to each class.

-Students are asked to bring their own water bottle.

-We will implement the increased cleaning protocols that are used for Mass.

**Parent Responsibilities: Follow DPI Guidelines for Returning to School**

Access that full document [here](#):

[https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/pdf/Returning\\_to\\_School\\_After\\_COVID-19.pdf](https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/pdf/Returning_to_School_After_COVID-19.pdf)

**-Parents will take their student's temperature before they attend any faith formation event.**

-If children have any symptoms of sickness (temperature, cough, runny nose, vomiting or diarrhea), they are not permitted to attend religious education event that day. Children should be symptom free without medicine for 24 hours before returning to the parish. This also applies to adult participants, catechists, and volunteers.

**-Parents will be transparent and honest about any health concerns, or exposures related to COVID-19 and communicate results of positive tests to the Grant County Health Department and St. Mary.**

## **Policy & Procedure for COVID-19 Exposure & Positive Tests**

St. Mary's will follow diocesan guidelines and Grant County Health Department guidelines for responding to COVID-19 exposure and positive tests.

**-Response to Positive Test for COVID-19 of someone in the building:** If anyone who has been in the building tests positive for COVID -19, the spaces in which that person was will be closed off and deep cleaned. The individual will be expected to be quarantined for 14 days (or according to local county ordinance) and should not return to the parish unless he or she meets the following criteria: fever free for 3 days (without medicine), symptoms have subsided, county requirements for quarantine have been observed, or at least 14 days have passed without any symptoms.

**-Response of Those Who Show Symptoms, Have Been Exposed or Suspect Illness:** Those who begin to show symptoms of illness or suspect illness should not attend Religious Education classes.. Space that was occupied by the individual will be disinfected. The individual should choose a self-imposed quarantine (according to county guidelines) and seek a COVID-19 test. No one should return to Religious Education classes until any necessary quarantine ends and symptoms have subsided. Families who have one member who tests positive for COVID-19 should assume that all members have been exposed. Families ought to consider quarantining as a unit or having all members tested. Members of the family should not return to Religious Education classes until the expected quarantine time for “no symptoms” has passed.

**-Notification to Participants in Religion Classes Regarding a Positive COVID -19 Test:** If a participant, catechist/helper or employee tests positive for COVID-19, the parish upon notification will immediately contact medical authority or public health officials for consultation and follow appropriate directives/suggestions, especially for those who may have been exposed to the infected person. Directives may include notification to participants, parents, staff, etc., with appropriate instructions to individuals. Exposure cases may vary in potential severity and risk based on the situational elements at the time and place of exposure, such as the symptomatic nature of the infected person at the time of exposure, the duration of exposure, the proximity of exposure, protective measures in place at the time (e.g., facial coverings), and the confined nature of the space. The potential directives for an exposure case may vary as well, including sanitation of space, testing, monitoring for symptoms, tracing, tracking, and quarantining.

-This document will be reviewed regularly and updated as local ordinances are adjusted.

-This document was created in response to directives in *Expectations & Guidelines for a Return to Faith Formation 2020-21* from the Diocese of Madison, found [here](#)

**Saint Mary and Saint John Religious Education Programs  
Bloomington & Patch Grove, Wisconsin  
Pastor: Rev. John Meinholz**

---

## **Parent Compliance Agreement 2020-21**

-I have read the *St. Mary Policies & Procedures for a Return to Faith Formation*.

-It is my responsibility to keep my children home if they have any of the following symptoms: cough, fever (100.4 degrees F or more) or chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, nasal drainage or congestion, headache, fatigue, muscle/body aches or sore throat.

-If my children do get sick, they will not participate in religious education classes until they have been symptom free without medicine for 24 hours.

-We will notify St. Mary's in the event of a COVID-19 exposure or positive test within our family.

Parent Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_