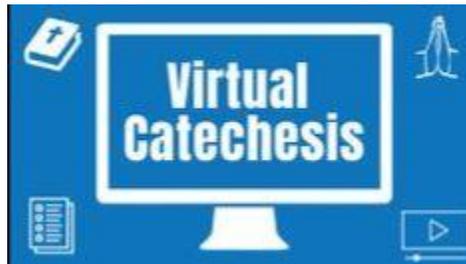


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## **RE SUMMER NEWSLETTER...SUNNY AND SLOWER**

**Holy Spirit Catholic Community**  
**August 30, 2020**



We turn the calendar this week to another month...where did the summer go? But fall must be around the corner because Pumpkin Spice lattes are everywhere! Did you enjoy one yet?

Even though the calendar says September and back to school, this year looks so much different than years' past. Many families are trying to navigate the virtual world of school, religious education and maybe even weekend Mass.

This week's newsletter gives families a few tips to help walk that virtual journey. We wish our families many blessings as you begin a new year.

## **Virtual back to school prayer for Students**

Dear Lord,

Use my eyes to see new friends.

Open my ears to hear my teacher.

Open my mind to learn new things.

Let my heart remember you are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to love others like you do.

I want to shine your light so bright in my home school.

Amen.

## **Parents as Teachers Blessing**

Lord God,

Your spirit of wisdom fills the earth  
and teaches us your ways.

Look upon these teachers

Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience.  
and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.

Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ  
the way, the truth, the life,  
forever and ever.

Amen.

*Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

# Zoom Ground Rules



## Zoom Etiquette

This year, our Religious Education classes will look a little different. There are usually classroom rules, and we also need rules for successful virtual classes too! It's a good idea to cover some basic "Zoom rules" with your kids before class. Each class will have individualized rules, here are just a few to start the conversation.

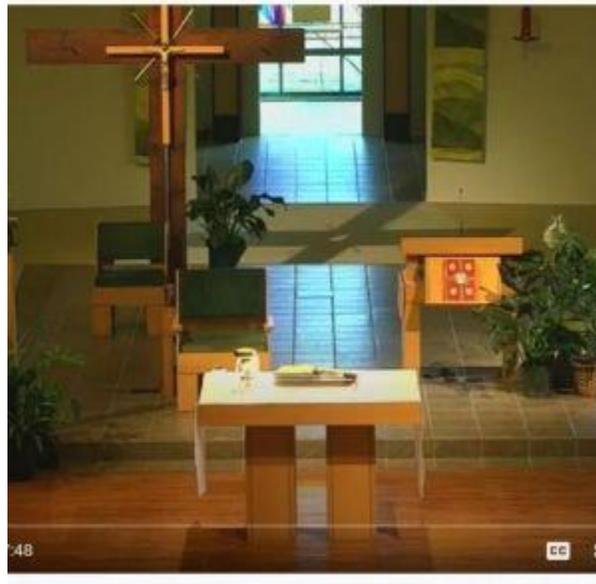
First, let's go over how we sound on Zoom. Just like in class, make sure you wait your turn and raise your hand if you want to speak. A catechist will say your name, and then you can unmute yourself and talk.

Try to remind the younger grades to sit still as you are on the screen because it can be very distracting for the rest of the students if you are moving all over the place.

When you are sitting in front of the screen, make sure you are respectful of your other classmates. This also includes not using any weird backgrounds – just keep your background as it is.

Lastly, just like in-person, make sure you are always prepared for class with your materials, including a pencil and maybe a bible.

[10 Tips for Teaching Religion Lessons to Your Children at Home CLICK HERE](#)



[Watch Mass on HSCC Youtube Channel](#)

God

Family

Friends

The church has always proclaimed that the family is the domestic church. Use this resource from the diocese as a chance to grow in love with Jesus as a family. In this resource, called "God Family Friends", mom or dad reads the Sunday Gospel aloud then there's a game, crafts, and dinner discussions. Each Sunday a new "God Family Friends" will be sent to you.

[Access it here!](#)



Too many virtual learners in your house? Need more study areas? Read this article and get inspired to create a desk as unique as your child!

<https://www.bobvila.com/slideshow/15-easy-designs-for-a-diy-desk-48527>

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU TODAY?

Our parishioners are on an email prayer chain and they would like to give you the gift of prayer. Just give them your request and the person's first name by emailing [prayer@hsc.us](mailto:prayer@hsc.us).

Even though it's summer...let us know if there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter? Email Kim at [asst.dre@hsc.us](mailto:asst.dre@hsc.us) with ideas, links, or videos.

Peace,  
Jane, Kim, and Claire



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