



ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Families,

The peace of Jesus be with you. I am reaching out to you to inform you that in response to Governor Evers released a statement closing all Wisconsin Schools due to COVID-19, **all youth faith formation activities scheduled to take place at St. Raphael are canceled until at least April 13**, at which time the situation will be reassessed in regards to resuming youth faith formation activities after Easter. Youth faith formation activities include Sunday School, weekly religious education classes, Families of Faith, and Aftershock High School Youth Ministry.

Although we will not be meeting physically, it is our hope to continue to provide families with resources to help them grow together in faith. Some of the ways we will reach out to families in the next three weeks include:

- The 6th grade parent/child class that was to take place on March 16th/17th and the 7th grade parent/child class that was to take place on March 31/April 1st will not be rescheduled. However, impacted families will be sent materials via email to work on at home.
- Families of Faith that was to meet on March 29th will not be rescheduled. However, parents will be sent materials via email to work on during the month of April with their children.
- The monthly RE newsletter that will be sent out on March 27th will include resources and links for parents and youth that will help them enrich their faith at home. Sign up for the religious education email list at raphael.org/media/email.
- Aftershock High School Youth Ministry will be utilizing an Instagram account to reach out to youth and families. Follow them at [@aftershock_ym_straph](https://www.instagram.com/aftershock_ym_straph).
- In addition, it is our hope to provide additional resources to families via various social media platforms. Please be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks as we work together as a faith formation team to develop ways to best meet the needs of our families.

On a final note, if your house is anything like the Adrians' household, the past few days have been anxious ones as our family continues to navigate the changes to the daily rhythm of our lives. Please know the faith formation team and pastoral staff are holding your family in prayer today and in the weeks to come as parents and children continue to respond to rapidly changing circumstances. Our prayer is that you take comfort in [Jesus' promise](#) to be with us always through the gift of the Holy Spirit and that you can rest secure in the knowledge that He is with us here and now as we await the day when we can safely be together in community again. As always, please do not hesitate to [contact me](#) should you have any additional questions or concerns. I will see you soon, but never soon enough!

Blessings,

Jessie Adrians
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