

St. Blase Faith Formation Office  
COVID-19/Delta Variant Update  
August 30, 2021

To ensure safety and health of students, families, volunteers, and staff at St. Blase Catholic Church during the ongoing COVID pandemic. St. Blase Catholic Church Faith Formation office has developed the following COVID-19/Variant plan to minimize the virus transmission for the 2021 – 2022 Faith Formation school year.

We are called by Christ to protect those most vulnerable; may we answer that call with the Love that is Jesus Christ!

- All students, volunteers, and staff that will come in close contact with students must wear a mask when entering the building and during class sessions. This applies to all regardless of vaccination status.
- All Catechists, Catechist Aides, and Hall Monitors must be vaccinated against COVID-19, or in process of completing scheduled vaccination. Prolonged contact raises the risk of transmission to those most vulnerable.
- The CDC recommends physical distance of 3 feet between students and all efforts will be made to maintain this distance measure as our classrooms and class sizes will allow for this. We do acknowledge that there will be brief times when this will not occur, however with other prevention strategies, this will help to minimize any spread.
- All classrooms will have hand sanitizers available for all students, families, volunteers and staff. It is encouraged to sanitize prior to the start of class and at the end of class. Hand washing is required after using the restroom.
- Students, family members, volunteers and staff who feels ill should remain at home. Students will be assigned class material to return in a timely manner.
- Any student, volunteer, family member, or staff who is under quarantine is asked to remain home until quarantine has elapsed. Please contact the office and your student will receive class material.
- Any student, family member, volunteer or staff who tests positive for COVID, please contact the office immediately so that proper tracing procedures can take place along with student class material.
- Any student, family member, volunteer or staff who is COVID positive must stay home. Return will be based on CDC and health dept guidelines at the time. Please contact Faith Formation office.
- If your child is unable to wear a mask, or you are uncomfortable with the guidelines presented, please know we do offer home studies as we truly desire your child to learn our beautiful faith!
- Our office will work with you and your child to ensure a safe environment and utilize any method possible, whether in-person or a home, to provide optimum teaching of our Catholic Faith.
- Our office will be monitoring all state and local metrics and guidelines to ensure a safe environment for all students, family members, volunteers, and staff at St. Blase Catholic Church.
- Please contact Diann Chase, Director of Religious Education with any questions or concerns via email [diane.chase@stblase.org](mailto:diane.chase@stblase.org) or calling 586-268-2244 x 206.