

**St. Ladislaus Parish**  
**173141 State Highway 153**  
**Hatley, WI 54440**  
August 4, 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Religious Education (CCD) school year. We are looking forward to an exciting and faith-filled year working with you and your children.

Attendance in CCD Kindergarten through Grades 10 is expected for students preparing for the Sacraments of First Confession, First Communion, and Confirmation. 3 & 4 -year-old pre-school is highly recommended. The children learn so much about God in these early years. It is also a wonderful opportunity for your child to participate in a structured learning environment, especially if they are not already enrolled in a pre-school. Parents are always welcome to stay with their child in the classroom.

Pre-school through Grade 4 meet on Sunday mornings from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Grades 5-10 meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

This letter explains registration this year. A calendar will be coming shortly. As well, the Handbook with Guidelines for CCD will be available on the parish website in several weeks and on the first day of CCD. Please read through this information carefully.

The opening day of CCD is for both **parents and children**. After the gathering in church, students will go to their classrooms:

- **Wed. Sept. 14 at 6:30 pm**: Opening Mass & short meeting for parents and children in **Grades 5-10**.
- **Sun., Sept. 18 at 8:30 am**: Short meeting and prayer for parents and children in **3 & 4-year-old Pre-school, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-4**.

In order to have enough books and materials on hand for the first week of class, we ask that you please return the registration forms by **August 25**.

**Registration:**

There are FOUR main steps to do. To make it easy, you can register your child(ren) and pay online. If you have any questions/concerns feel free to contact Rachel Sheils at [rachel@stladislaus.org](mailto:rachel@stladislaus.org) or 715-446-3060.

1. Registration form: [Click this link](#) **or** see the form attached in the email.
2. Safe Environment form: [Click this link](#) **or** see the form attached in the email.
3. Sign up for the REMIND app to get important announcements (i.e. weather cancelations):
  - Wednesday night students: <https://www.remind.com/join/wedccd1>
  - Sunday morning students: <https://www.remind.com/join/sunccd1>
4. Online payment: [Click this link](#) **or** please mail in a check noting it is for "CCD payment".
  - Online payment: click "one time", then under "fund" select "CCD Registration Payment"
  - The fees will remain the same again this year:
    - **FREE** for 3 and 4-year-old pre-school
    - **\$45 per student** if you register by Aug. 25, 2022 for Grades K-10
    - **\$55 per student** if you register after Aug. 25, 2022 for Grades.
    - **\$20 per student** for Grade 11 – Confirmation
    - **FAMILY RATE:** 3+ children is \$120/family if registered by Aug. 25 (\$145 after Aug. 25).
    - Please note that there is no tuition for children of CCD teachers.

We are blessed with many wonderful women and men who are willing to share their Faith with our young people this year. We are always looking for additional teachers, teacher aids, and substitute teachers for either Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings. If you can help us out, please let me know as soon as possible. There will be a meeting and training night on **Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the school library. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out so we can have enough training material.

If you would like to offer your services in any other way on Sundays or Wednesdays, we would also be grateful. As always, parents are always welcome to come to any or all of our CCD classes.

The second step of registration deals with creating a **Safe Environment**. The Diocese of La Crosse wants to assure all parents that everything possible is being done to ensure the safety of your children. The Diocese has official formal procedures in place for sexual misconduct. We'd like to make this information available to you. First of all, all of our staff and volunteers who work with youth have to have a Comprehensive Background Check completed before working with our youth. They have also received all of the information regarding the official formal procedures for sexual misconduct. There are three ways for you be aware of this information. We ask that you choose one:

1. On the Diocesan website: [www.dioceseoflacrosse.com](http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com) scroll to the bottom of the website and click on "Safe Environment". Then click on "Library" to read through the booklets and watch the Safe Environment Videos. After you have done, please print and sign the Verification Form and include a copy with your child's registration form.
2. I have copies of the booklets and the DVD if you prefer to take them home. I will have copies of these available on the first day of CCD or you may obtain them from the rectory at any time.
3. The DVD will also be available to watch on the first day of CCD on Sept. 14 or 18.

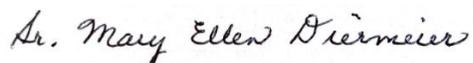
Our teachers are also asked to incorporate into their lesson plans "Safe Environment Plan – Keeping Myself Safe" which can also be found on the Diocesan website. We'd ask you to please take a few minutes and read over the appropriate lesson plans for your child's grade level. If you prefer that your child not receive this training, please indicate that on the "Safe Environment Form." We will let you know when this will take place in CCD.

\*\*\* Whether you accept or decline the training for your son/daughter, I do need your **signature** on the enclosed sheet: "Verification of Parent Safe Environment Training". It is important that you sign the sheet and return it to St. Ladislaus Parish by Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>. Each year all of the parishes are audited with regards to this training. I am very grateful for your cooperation in this matter. Thank you so much.

It is our prayer that this will be a truly Spirit-filled year for you and your children, as we all work together to help bring your children to a closer relationship to Our Lord. If there's ever anything I can do to help make Religious Education a better experience for you and/or your children, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you again for your continued help and cooperation.

In Christ,



Sr. Mary Ellen Diermeier