Dear Families who send their students to the St Francis Religious Education program,

Faith Formation will look a little different than in years past. Given our space limitations (we are unable to use the Benson High School for classroom space this year) and COVID-19 we will only be offering in-person instruction for Grades 2, 10 & 11. Faith Formation books will be available for Grades 1,3-9 for homeschooling. Registration forms will need to be completed for ALL grades so we can order the appropriate number of books. Please return registration forms by October 23, 2020.

2nd grade First Communion students will meet weekly on Wednesdays after school in the St. Francis Church Gathering Space. First class will begin on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. Due to the fact that our classes were ended abruptly last year, any current 3rd graders who made their First Holy Communion and would like to attend the in-person 2nd grade class this year are welcome to do so. Please indicate this on your registration form.

Grades 10 and 11 will meet weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:45 pm in the St. Francis Church Gathering Space. First class will be Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

Following classes, all used areas will be cleaned.

\*\* The protocols that are in place for public Mass attendance will also be followed for all our Faith Formation classes. They are posted in the Gathering Space of the Church, in our church bulletin (an abbreviated form) and on our parish website. Highlights include, but are not limited to the following:

* Keep your student home if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or if someone in the household tests positive for COVID-19.
* Practice social distancing and good hygiene
* Face coverings are required

We would like to introduce our Religious Education Coordinator, Amanda Holmquist. She will be coordinating Faith Formation classes and/or events throughout the school year. You can contact her at aholmquist@stisidorethefarmerafc.org.

We will be utilizing a new “We Connect” app for our Faith Formation program as well as for general parish/AFC news. This will be our primary means of communication for Faith Formation. Download instructions are included on a separate page.

\**Please note all students will need to have a signed waiver of liability for COVID-19 before attending any of the scheduled classes or activities.* *This waiver will be made available with the Religious Education registration form.*