

Holy Spirit Families,

You are in our thoughts and prayers as we enter this strange summer together. COVID-19 has made traditional summer plans difficult and many summer routines have been left open-ended. As we strive to support you and your family, please know we have decided to make participation in Virtual Camp Marshall a free gift to all interested members of our parish. All you have to do is go online and register. <https://diomontana.com/virtual-camp-2020-registration/> Indicate in the payment fields that you are “unable to donate.” Holy Spirit will cover the costs. Please register for each member of your household who is interested in participating, adults and children of any age. Children younger than the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade must have an adult participating with them.

There is something for everyone at Camp Marshall. Pick and choose what is best for your children and your family this summer. Participate in as little or as much as you like. Unlike other years, once you register you’ll have access to camp programs over a period of 5 weeks. Younger children may be interested in Godly Play worship services. Families may like to take on Weekly Challenges. Middle School and Senior High youth might be interested in connecting with other teens through zoom, or participating in virtual campfire. Check out this introductory video.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YS\\_B3JSC7-A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YS_B3JSC7-A)

Our hope is that your family will experience a diocese-wide connection through participation in Virtual Camp Marshall. So many clergy and lay leaders from all over our state are participating together to make this summer’s camp experience, though very different from other camp seasons, still very special.

We plan to put the weekly Children’s Messages we have been recording here at Holy Spirit on hold during July and August. And instead encourage families to explore the resources available through Camp Marshall. If this change presents a difficulty for your family, please let us know that.

Grace and peace to you and your family in this summer season. May it be filled with trees, mountains, stars, popsicles and bubbles!

Rev. Gretchen