

*“The family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally.  
That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world;  
it is the leaven of society.” – Pope Francis*

September 27, 2020

Dear St. Ambrose Religious Education Family,

With a great deal of enthusiasm we welcome everyone to this new learning year. Together we will learn about Jesus, Scripture, and Church history. Together we will encounter Jesus, grow in our faith, and be witness to the love of God for everyone. Together we will grow stronger in our Catholic faith. Together we will build a community of faith, hope, and love.

We thank you for registering your child/ren during this challenging year and making faith formation a priority. We know this is not the program we had hoped for; however, we are excited about the opportunity it provides for us to bring faith formation into the home and make family faith formation central to our mission.

**General Notes:**

- The *Alive in Christ* & Flipgrid handouts, OSV landing page, and program calendar are your guide.
- Class content and lesson plans can be accessed on class Sundays via Flipgrid or anytime via the OSV landing page <https://osvcurriculum.com/faithathome> and <https://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family>.
- Families can follow the syllabus and work at their own pace. Lessons take 1-2 hours to complete.
- Lesson plans are designed so that parents don't have to be an expert in the faith. The lessons give parents the tools to teach their children with confidence and learn the faith as they share the faith.
- Students who actively participate in Flipgrid and send in E-assessments will be entered in drawings for prizes throughout the year.
- Catechists will post videos each week and students will have the opportunity to respond via Flipgrid. Once approved by the catechists, all videos will be posted for view. Catechists will keep in touch with students with Flipgrid replies and personalized communication throughout the year.
- Grades 2 & 9 are sacramental preparation years and have a separate syllabus. Families will be contacted regarding meetings and events as they approach via Flocknote and letter mail.

**Catechists:**

Grade 1 – Miss Julianna Tague & Miss Cassidy Woolums

Grade 2 – Mrs. Elizabeth Puleo-Tague

Grade 3 – Miss Sophie Hugh

Grade 4 – Mrs. Lauri Read & Mr. Kurt Vatalaro

Grade 5 - Mr. Grant Ruttinger

Grade 6 – Mrs. Laura Bush-Terry

Grade 7 – Mrs. Nichole Flynn

Grade 8 – Mrs. Victoria Hugh

Grade 9 – Mr. John Clark

**Communication:**

- Families will receive a Flocknote email every Friday with notes & reminders for the upcoming Sunday.
- The program director can be reached directly at [reled.stambrose@comcast.net](mailto:reled.stambrose@comcast.net).

We look forward to working with you and appreciate your prayerful support. Please contact the Religious Education Office with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have throughout the year.

Peace & Joy,

Kelly Woolums, Director of Religious Ed.