

## “Virtual GOF at Home” Grades 1-6 for 2020

*Keep it simple and fun.....what matters is relationship and conversation with children around things that matter, our faith...the resources are meant to provide you with ideas and content for conversation, a bridge between the home church (you and your family) and the Church of Saint Ann.*

As a way to continue faith formation in the home, and for the safety of all, we are starting with a 100% virtual/electronic learning platform for all grades. The publisher of our instructional curriculum, OSV (Our Sunday Visitor), has created a user-friendly resource that brings together under one umbrella all the resources you need. Each registered participant will receive a grade level text, an e-book and have full access to the OSV electronic resources. Below is a monthly thematic guide to follow—this is for parents to work at home with your children (with the OSV resources). We hope to keep it simple and flexible. We will provide support along the way and re-evaluate at the end of Thanksgiving. Note that grade 2/sacramental prep (reconciliation) will use the OSV resources called *Encounter with Christ (Reconciliation)* which includes a parent guide and student booklet. Grades 7 & 8 follow the Confirmation Prep Curriculum, *Decision Point* by Dynamic Catholic. Information about Confirmation Prep and how to get and use that curriculum is also on the parish website.

**In addition to the resources for children, and for parents to reflect on their faith, we will send parents separate electronic materials from the parish called C21 Faith Feeds (a program out of Boston College). These are reflections and reflection questions on different (though related) topics for you. Please use them to spark conversations with each other.**

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6/Alive in Christ (OSV) resources: go to [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com). Go to the green tab that says STUDENT & FAMILY, and click the “In the Home” arrow, which takes you to the appropriate grade, and other tools.

\*Grade 2 *Encounter with Christ (Reconciliation)* (OSV) resources: go to [sacraments.osv.com](http://sacraments.osv.com). Take one chapter per month beginning with “We Are Made in God’s Image.”

### GOF FAITH FORMATION IN THE HOME GRADES 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6

September: REVELATION- Our Response of Faith

Parents C21 Faith Feeds Topic (sent separately each month): *Our Faith, Our Stories*

- ~ Read and talk about Chapters 1-3 with your child. (Use the OSV electronic resources.)
- ~ Use the chapter reviews as a way to review the material with your child and have faith-based conversations.
- ~ Work with your child to complete the UNIT 1 REVIEW.
- ~ Talk about the ways God becomes known to us—bible, nature, art/beauty, sacraments, our conscience.
- ~ Parents see *Laudate Si*, Pope Francis’s letter on the Care of Creation and our Common Home. You can access this and more about the church and its teaching on faith and the environment by going to the USCCB (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops) website. Talk with your children about faith and the environment.
- ~ September 20<sup>th</sup> is Catechetical Sunday, a good reminder of our role as Catholic Christians to pass on faith. Autumn begins September 22, a time to reflect on the rhythms of our lives and the rhythms of the earth. Take a close look at the liturgical calendar of the church and get in tune with the cycles and seasons of the church’s liturgical year—Advent/Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time and holy days.
- ~ Parents: Using the “Faith at Home” electronic resource from OSV, choose just one of the activities to do with your child(ren) and one of the videos to watch.
- ~ Attend weekend Mass as a family as often as possible—in person or virtual.

## Revelation Objectives:

### **Grades 1 – 3**

1. Have Children become familiar with the story of Creation.
2. We are made in the image to God.
3. Jesus is God's greatest gift to us.

### **Grades 4 – 6**

1. Introduce children to the Bible, how to read ( and use) it—Old & New Testaments, chapter & verse.
2. God's active presence and activity throughout history; God is love.
3. Baptism—we share in the person and ministry of Jesus (as priest, prophet and royalty); we are members of the family we call “church.”

## **October: TRINITY – Revealed in Jesus**

### **Parents C21 Faith Feeds Topic: Relationships**

- ~ **Read and talk about Chapters 4-6 with your child.** (Use the OSV electronic resources.)
- ~ Use the chapter reviews as a way to review the material with your child. Use the prayers to pray together.
- ~ **Work with your child to complete the UNIT 2 REVIEW.**
- ~ October is the month of Mary and the Rosary. Use this time to **practice saying the rosary with your child.** This can be a practice in quiet family prayer and “still” time that is so precious and valuable for our busy lives. Instructions for praying the rosary can be found at the back of your child's textbook. It is also Respect Life Month (Respect Life Sunday is on Oct. 4). Use this time to reflect on the dignity of human life and do something that can help create a culture of life.
- ~ Parents: Using the “**Faith at Home**” electronic resource from OSV, choose just one of the activities to do with your child(ren) and one of the videos to watch.
- ~ Children: watch the Rosary Prayer – Brother Francis Let's Sing on You Tube.
- ~ Attend weekend Mass as a family as often as possible—in person or virtual.
- ~ Reminder: November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day, a Holy Day of obligation.

## Trinity Objectives:

### **Grades 1 – 3**

1. God is person, a relationship of Love; God love is unconditional.
2. God our Father – Learn/Pray the Our Father.
3. God the Son/Jesus' life.
4. God the Spirit/the story of Pentecost.

### **Grades 4 – 6**

1. Same as above
2. Free will, we make choices, our greatest reason for existence is LOVE.

## **November: JESUS – The Teacher**

### **Parents C21 Faith Feeds Topic: Eucharist**

- ~ **Read and talk about Chapters 7-9 with your child.** (Use the OSV electronic resources.)
- ~ Use the chapter reviews as a way to review the material with your child. Use the prayers to pray together.
- ~ **Work with your child to complete the UNIT 3 REVIEW.**
- ~ Parents: Using the “**Faith at Home**” electronic resource from OSV, choose just one of the activities to do with your child(ren) and one of the videos to watch.
- ~ Attend weekend Mass as a family as often as possible.

- ~ **Children:** look up info (or watch a movie) about one saint and be ready to tell an interesting fact about that saint.
- OR Read online about one of the saints listed in your book on page 12 by going to [www.aliveinchrist.ocv.com](http://www.aliveinchrist.ocv.com)**
- ~ Attend weekend Mass as a family as often as possible—in person or virtual.

Jesus Objectives:

**Grades 1 – 3**

1. Jesus as Healer.
2. The Commandments/The Greatest Commandments.
3. The Lord’s Prayer.

**Grades 4 – 6**

1. Bible Reflection—Jesus’s lineage from David
2. Jesus as Servant Leader/the Good Shepherd
3. Jesus as Messiah

**December: THE CHURCH – Images of the Church**

**Parents C21 Faith Feeds Topic: *Hope***

- ~ **Read and talk about Chapters 10 & 12 with your child.** (Use the OSV electronic resources.)
- ~ Use the chapter reviews as a way to review the material with your child. Use the prayers to pray together.
- ~ **Work with your child to complete the UNIT 4 REVIEW.**
- ~ Make an **Advent Wreath** (as a family) and place it in a prominent spot in your home, perhaps on the table where you have daily meals. This way you can light it and say a brief prayer before your daily meal together.
- ~ Parents: Using the “**Faith at Home**” electronic resource from OSV, choose just one of the activities to do with your child(ren) and one of the videos to watch.
- ~ **Read about Christmas with your child in their textbook:** pg.23 (gr 3), pg. 21 (gr 4), pg. 19 (gr 5)
- ~ Children: Watch “[Brother Francis: O Holy Night](#)” on demand (rent-children’s movies)
- ~ Attend weekend Mass as a family as often as possible—in person or virtual (**No matter where you travel on Christmas, plan ahead to attend Mass!**).

Church Objectives:

**Grades 1 – 3**

1. Mary as Mother of God and Mother of the Church.
2. Gifts of the Spirit.
4. Advent.

**Grades 4 – 6**

1. The Idea of Vocation/Single Life, Marriage and Holy Orders
2. Saints and the Call to Holiness.
3. Mary and the Immaculate Conception.
4. Advent.

**January: FAMILY LIFE/MORALITY – Called to Virtue**

**Parents C21 Faith Feeds Topic: *Family***

- ~ **Read and talk about Chapter 14 with your child.** (Use the OSV electronic resources.)
- ~ Use the chapter reviews as a way to review the material with your child. Use the prayers to pray together.
- ~ **Work with your child to complete the UNIT 5 REVIEW.**
- ~ Review and discuss the *Family Life* home study materials that we will send to you in an electronic format.
- ~ Attend weekend Mass as a family as often as possible during the holy season of Lent.

**February: SACRAMENTS – A Member of Christ**  
**Parents C21 Faith Feeds Topic: *Forgiveness***

- ~ Read and talk about Chapter 17 & 18 with your child.
- ~ Use the chapter reviews as a way to review the material with your child. Use the prayers to pray together.
- ~ **Work with your child to complete the UNIT 6 REVIEW.**
- ~ Parents: Using the “Faith at Home” electronic resource from OSV, choose just one of the activities to do with your child(ren) and one of the videos to watch.
- ~ Pick a sacrament to learn more about—what are the signs?, what are its purpose?, what is your experience?
- ~ **Ash Wednesday is February 17<sup>th</sup>.** Plan to attend an Ash Wednesday Service with your children.
- ~ Begin a family daily reflection during Lent.
- ~ Talk with your child about the idea of doing something extra vs. giving something up during Lent.
- ~ Attend weekend Mass as a family as often as possible during the holy season of Lent
- ~ Plan to attend Stations of the Cross as a family during Lent. Check the parish calendars.

**Sacraments Objectives:**

**Grades 1 – 3**

1. Sin and Jesus as Savior.
2. The Resurrected Life of Christ.
3. The Sacraments and their symbols.
4. Introduction to Lent

**Grades 4 – 6**

1. The Paschal Mystery and Liturgical Year
2. Sacrament, Signs and Symbols
3. The Eucharist.
4. Sacraments of Healing

**March: LENT – Continuing Our 40-Day Journey**

**Parents C21 Faith Feeds Topic: *Suffering/Care of the Poor***

- ~ Parents: Using the OSV electronic resources, choose just one of the activities to do with your child(ren) and one of the videos to watch.
- ~ Children: Watch “[Brother Francis: Let’s Learn about Lent](#)” on demand (rent)
- ~ **Read about Lent with your child in their book.**
- ~ **Holy Week begins March 28<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday. Read about Holy Week (Triduum) with your child.**
- ~ Continue to pray as a family during Lent.
- ~ Talk as a family about what each of you are doing extra or giving up during Lent and how well you’re doing. Encourage your children to begin again, if they’ve forgotten. It’s never too late! Encourage one another to continue with your Lenten journey!
- ~ Attend **Stations of the Cross** during Lent.
- ~ Learn some new prayer practices like the *Examen* (daily “check in”)
- ~ Plan to attend some of the Holy Week liturgies:
  - April 1<sup>st</sup> - Holy Thursday Mass**
  - April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Good Friday Passion Service**  
**Stations of the Cross**
  - April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Easter Vigil (2 hr. Mass at 8PM – beautiful, but long for children under 10)**
  - April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday Mass**

**April: KINGDOM OF GOD – Mercy & Action**  
**Parents C21 Faith Feeds Topic: *Gratitude***

- ~ Read and talk about Chapters 20 & 21 with your child. (Use the OSV electronic resources.)
- ~ Use the chapter reviews as a way to review the material with your child. Use the prayers to pray together.
- ~ **Work with your child to complete the UNIT 7 REVIEW.**
- ~ Parents: Using the “Faith at Home” electronic resource from OSV, choose just one of the activities to do with your child(ren) and one of the videos to watch.
- ~ **Children:** Watch: [\*Brother Francis: He is Risen!\*](#) on demand (rent)
- ~ **Parents:** Learn something about Catholic Social Teaching.

**Kingdom of God Objectives:**

**Grades 1 – 3**

1. What is the kingdom of God?
2. God’s Covenant
3. How our Liturgy/Eucharist connects us with the kingdom of God.
4. Year End Review.

**Grades 4 – 6**

1. What is the kingdom of God?
  2. Being in Service and Mission.
  3. Generosity, Humility and Charity.
  4. Year End Review.
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