

2020-2021 Catholic Formation Home Study Program

Parents are the primary teachers of the faith to their child(ren). This year, Lumen Christi is adding a Home Study Catholic Formation program due to the challenges caused by Covid-19. Below is an outline of the expectations of the program. By choosing this program, parents/ guardians would play an additional role as catechist.

Life and faith is a journey. We desire to enrich the faith aspect of the family unit. We encourage the entire family to engage in dialogue about our lesson plans and to pray and serve together.

Catholic Formation staff is available via email, virtual conference, telephone or in person. Please reach out to us anytime.

The Catholic Formation staff is here to support you and will:

- provide you with the lesson plans each month.
- provide you with all the materials you will need to complete the lessons beyond the basic essentials (paper, pen/pencil, markers, scissors). If you need the basic essentials added to your kit as well, please let us know.
- be available to answer questions that you may have on the material to be covered, the lesson plans or anything else that may come up.
- offer opportunities to connect virtually with other students enrolled in Catholic Formation. This will vary based on the age of the student(s).
- include you in all email communications so that you may be aware of happenings which may enrich you as parents, your students or your entire family.
- adapt the program to ensure each age group has an appropriate learning model.

Catholic Formation asks you as parent or guardian to:

- encourage your student to be open to the faith this year and engage actively in the Catholic Formation Home Study program.
- set aside a time to sit with your student(s) and work through the monthly lessons. It does not have to at the same time as the in person scheduled classes.
- see that your student(s) do(es) the assigned activities/reflections and turns in necessary items to the Catholic Formation office in a timely manner.
- ask any questions that you may have. We are available to have telephone, zoom or in person-conversations for additional support or guidance.
- *(middle and high school student families only)* check in with the Minister responsible for your student(s) formation via an online conference each month (Zoom or other such platform).

High School Program – Amy Kroll · krolla@lumenchristiparish.org

9th and 10th graders are on a two-year cycle for formation. This means that they will both have the same lesson plans that rotate every other year. Confirmation has their own set of lesson plans that focus specifically on the Sacrament of Confirmation.

There are two lesson plans along with a video each month:

- One lesson plan a month should be completed at home together as a family.
- The second lesson will be completed virtually via zoom. Once everyone is signed up for the home study option, we will send an email with the sign up for zoom formation times. The zoom will consist of a video lesson and discussion in a small group of peers.

High school students choosing the home option will still need to complete or participate in the following:

- 10 hours of service throughout the formation year and the service reflection sheet.

- Their corresponding grade level retreat. All retreats are required. If you cannot attend the retreat on the dates provided, an alternative retreat will need to be completed. I can assist you with finding a different retreat option if needed. Dates for all retreats TBD for 2021 as we are pushing them back due to COVID-19.
 - Freshman retreat: Who Am I? Finding your faith
 - Sophomore Retreat: Social Justice
 - Junior Retreat: Confirmation Retreat

Middle School Program – Nikki D’Cruz · dcruzn@lumenchristiparish.org

We are moving to a three-year cycle for formation within Middle School Catholic Formation (MSCF). This means that all 6-8 grade students in the Lumen Christi program will be studying the same topic with adjustments for age and learning styles. If you have multiple children within the MSCF program you will only have one subject to cover with your students.

The formation will include:

- one lesson will contain reading materials, videos, reflection questions and other activities to be completed individually.
- one lesson will be completed virtually via Zoom. Once everyone is signed up for the home option, we will send out a poll to see what day(s) work best for the zoom lessons. The other lesson will be done individually or as a family.
- one lesson will be the specifically planned Family Session.

This year the family component of Catholic Formation will take place virtually for all. This is an opportunity for families to have a dedicated faith topic to discuss, do activities around or possibly watch a video together sometime throughout the month.

Middle school students choosing the home option will still need to participate in their corresponding grade level retreat. All retreats are required. If you cannot attend the retreat on the dates provided, I can assist you with finding a different retreat option. Dates for all retreats TBD for 2021 as we are pushing them back due to COVID-19.

Child Ministry Program – Kate Heinzman · heinzmank@lumenchristiparish.org

Child Ministry has a whole new curriculum that focuses on bible stories, social justice and the Mass. This curriculum teaches in a loving, age appropriate and positive way that fosters a love for God and our Catholic family. Much like the older grades, Kindergarten through fifth grade builds on the previous year tying your faith education together in a complete picture. Life and faith are a journey.

The formation program will include:

- a curriculum packet with all the materials needed for the 2 lessons of the month.
- one lesson will be the specifically planned Family Session.

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Second Grade is a sacrament year. All students will receive their First Reconciliation in January and their First Eucharist in April or May. In addition to Catholic Formation classes, there will be sacramental preparation. You will receive detailed information regarding sacramental preparation in the fall.