

Our Lady of Victory
Religious Ed Programs for 2020-2021 School Year
Theme: In His Presence

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – 9:30 am – 10:40 am on Sundays

For 4 and 5 year olds (who may not be attending Kindergarten) Class size limited to 16 children- CGS Class begins 9/20

- **The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)** is a Montessori-based faith formation program for Pre-K children ages 4 and 5 years old. This hands-on program, in a specially prepared environment called the “Atrium,” nurtures and educates the whole child in the ways of the Catholic faith. It expands the understanding of Scripture and Liturgy with the use of many sensory materials including the infancy narrative figures, a raised surface map of the land of Israel, a model altar, and a model-size baptismal font, to name a few. This concrete method of presenting the Faith is similar to the way the Church teaches us through the sacraments, holy water, incense, and statues.
- Class will be in groups – A and B
- Group A will come one week, take home a lesson to be done at home on the off week.
- Group B will attend the following week and take home a lesson to be done at home on the off week.
- On the weeks that your child is not in class, they will work on a program at home with you called **Stories of God’s Love by RCL Benziger**. It is a very sweet program that your child will journey through with new “*story friends*: Nina, Ming, Adam, and Keesha. This program comes with very adorable cut outs of their new story friends for interactive play.

Religious Education for Kindergarten – 9:30 am – 10:40 am on Sundays

Class size limited to 20 students - In-Class or At-Home Edition offered- K Class begins 9/20

Jesus famously told his disciples not to hinder future disciples the “little children” from coming to him. Loyola press has always taken this charge seriously. It was with little children in mind that Finding God Kindergarten was created. This compelling program honors the spirituality of little children and their ability to learn complex concepts when presented in ways that are friendly and proven to work with 5 – 6 year-olds. With active-learning opportunities on every page of the program, children are always engaged and fully immersed in the rich content of faith.

- Children will be in groups A and B for this class.
- Group A will come one week, take home a lesson to be done at home on the off week.
- Group B will attend the following week and take home a lesson to be done at home on the off week.
- A calendar will be sent to you with the group your child/children are in.

***At-Home Edition-See description below**

Religious Education for 1st – 5th Grades – 9:30 am – 10:40 am on Sundays

In-Class Sessions - Class begin on 9/20

The perfect place to start a life of intentional discipleship is with Finding God: Our Response to God’s Gifts. Rooted in scripture, Catholic Doctrine, and Ignatian spirituality, Finding God is a core faith formation program that helps foster a lived relationship with God through Jesus. This program is built for today’s learners, offering a new model for catechesis that embraces technology and responds to the ongoing invitation to enter into a deeper relationship with God.

- 1st Grade has 20 spots available for in-class sessions
- 2nd – 5th grades have 40 spots available for in-class sessions with two classrooms available for each of these grades.
- A calendar will be sent to you as well as which group your child/children will be in.

***At-Home Edition description for K-5th Grades – At Home Classes begin 9/20**

As the primary religious educators of your children, parents provide systematic catechesis for their children at home. The At-Home Edition supports parents leading faith formation and guides them in effectively sharing the faith lessons with their child/children. Additionally, parents have other resources that support their role as catechists such as interactive session reviews, study guides, and interactive games.

- Using the Finding God series, each child can work on the lessons at home with the parent.
- This is not meant to be a “on your own” lesson for the child.
- Although the QR Codes do make it more interactive and if you have several different ages of children they can work on their own with assistance from the parent.
- The support discussion page allows the parent to work with all of their children even though they are not on the same lesson.

- These lessons can be done at any time during your week. Once or twice a month a mentoring Catechist will Zoom in with the family to do fun lessons on Saints, prayer time, arts and crafts, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and more with the families.
- **The Zoom portion will be on Sunday mornings from 9:45 am – 10:30 am. Calendars will be sent to you of the Zoom dates. Otherwise you are free to do your At Home sessions when the time works best for your family!!**
- **You will be required to pick up your children books at our office. We will send you a email when those are ready for pick up.**

6-8th Grades Forming Missionary Disciples (Formally called Chosen) Class begins 9/27

Spiritual – Social – Service - Study “Serious” is what our 6-8th in class or Zoom online classes offer for this school year. A combination of Catechesis, Spiritual formations, as well as a set of speakers that give the different sides of humanity that need our help. As Catholics we are called to take our faith into this world and live it out in every relationship, in our work, and in our families. Our middle school program will help our youth “see their faith realized” in their own lives and in the lives of others. Finding God from Loyola Press will be used for 6th and 7th grades. **Note: See the break down of details for each of these grades below.**

6th and 7th grades will experience class through Zoom on Sunday mornings 9:30 am – 10:30 am each Sunday. Class begins 9/27

- Unlimited class size. A mentor Catechist will lead them through their lessons.
- The students will have 2 – 3 weekends of lessons and on one weekend will be a speaker through Zoom or live streamed.
- This helps the student to see their faith in action out in the world.
- We also have scheduled prayer services, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, enrichment speakers, and more.
- You will receive a schedule for the year via email.

Confirmation Classes - 8th grade in class will use Decision Point by Dynamic Catholic.

50 students in class limit – Class located in the Father Romano Parish Life Center – Class begins 9/27

- 8th Grade in-class will be in two groups: A and B. Group A will come one week, then take the following week off. The next week, Group B will attend class, then taking the week off.
- On the “off” weeks, these students will log onto Decision Point Online to view thought provoking and inspiring videos as they learn more about their Catholic Faith on a deeper level.
- 8th Grade students in class will be home once a month for a Zoom Class along with prayer services, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and more.
- A calendar will be sent to you via email of their schedule.

NOTE: IF YOU MISSED ½ OR MORE OF YOUR SUNDAY AM OR EVENING COURSES IN 7TH GRADE, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE ONLINE COURSE.

Total Online for 5-8th grades- Online Class begins 10/4

For families with children in grades 5-8th who are involved in traveling sports, or have unique situations that do not allow them to physically come to class or are not able to participate in the weekly Zoom classes, we offer a total online program for 6-7th grades . A Zoom catechist will check in monthly with your student on Thursdays 8:00 – 9:00 pm. Links for your course work will be emailed to you as well as the link for Zoom class.

Finding God – 2021 by Loyola Press

- We do ask that the 6-8th graders who choose this course work attend at least 4 of speaker series offered through Zoom or live streaming.
- You will be sent a Sign - up genius link where you can sign up for the course speakers you want to attend. A reminder from the Sign - up genius will be sent to you.

8th Grade total online course work is through Decision Point by Dynamic Catholic. – Online Class begins 10/4

- Assessments are required as well as you will be sent a Sign – Up Genius link to sign up for 4 speakers through-out the school year. A reminder will be sent to you from the Sign – Up Genius.
- Confirmation requirements will need to be fulfilled, i.e., Confirmation Retreat, “Real Love” Speaker Pam Heil in November along with one parent in attendance with the student, Saint Name research, volunteer experiences, as well as the parent attends the Confirmation Parent Meeting.
- A calendar of these required events will be emailed to you.
- Confirmation Mass Date TBD at a later date.