

Parish Life Night (PLN) Handbook

COVID—19



Last update: 8/17/2020

2020-21 Fees

\$35.00 per child

\$20 for children preparing for Reconciliation or Holy Communion

\$105.00 family max

Fees can be paid online at Faith Direct. Links are provided on the Education page of the website:

nativityofthelord.org

FOREWORD

This document has been generated for those participating in religious education at Nativity of the Lord Jesus Roman Catholic Church's PLN program for the 2020-2021 session, and is based on the guidelines outlined by the Center of Disease Control and the Dioceses of Cleveland, in regard to the safety aspects of combating the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If additional pertinent information is learned about this virus, revisions to this document will be made, distributed to the participating families, and uploaded to the parish website.

PLN 2020-2021

Date	Day	Other Events
September		
09/16/2020	Wed	<i>Labor Day</i> Sept 7 (Mon)
09/23/2020	Wed	<i>Confirmation</i> Sept 26 (Sat)
09/30/2020	Wed	
October		
10/07/2020	Wed	<i>Columbus Day</i> Oct 12 (Mon)
10/21/2020	Wed	
10/28/2020	Wed	
November		
11/04/2020	Wed	<i>All Saints' Day</i> Nov 1 (Sun)
11/11/2020	Wed	<i>All Souls' Day</i> Nov 2 (Mon)
11/18/2020	Wed	<i>Thanksgiving</i> Nov 26 (Thurs)
		<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Nov 29 (Sun)
December		
12/02/2020	Wed CANCELLED	<i>First Reconciliation</i> Dec 5 (Sat at 10AM)
12/09/2020	Wed CANCELLED	<i>The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Dec 8 (Tues-Holy Day of Obligation)
12/16/2020	Wed CANCELLED	
		<i>Christmas</i> Dec 25 (Fri-Holy Day of Obligation)

January		
01/13/2021	Wed	<i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i> Jan 1 (Fri-Holy Day of Obligation)
01/20/2021	Wed	<i>Martin Luther King Day</i> Jan 18 (Mon)
01/27/2021	Wed	
February		
02/03/2021	Wed	<i>Presidents' Day</i> Feb 15 (Mon)
02/10/2021	Wed	
02/17/2021	Wed	<i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i> (Mass at 7PM)
02/24/2021	Wed	
March		
03/03/2021	Wed	
03/10/2021	Wed	
03/17/2021	Wed	
03/24/2021	Wed	<i>Palm Sunday</i> March 28 (Sun)
April		
04/07/2021	Wed	<i>Triduum</i> April 1-3 (Thurs - Sat)
04/14/2021	Wed	<i>Easter</i> April 4 (Sun)
04/21/2021	Wed	<i>First Holy Communion Weekend</i> April 17/18 (Sat and Sun)
04/28/2021	Wed	
May		
05/05/2021	Wed	<i>Ascension of Jesus</i> May 16 (Sun)

(Please note that at any time these sessions could be cancelled due to COVID-19)

IN PERSON SESSIONS AGE 3– GRADE 9

General:

- ALL SESSIONS WILL BE RECORDED.
- NO CHILD ATTENDS IF THERE IS A TEMPERATURE OF 100.4°F OR FEELING ILL IN ANY WAY.
- *Sessions will be one hour long (6:30-7:30 PM).*
- Masks will be worn by children in grades K+.
- All adult volunteers will be masked.
- Masks must be provided by each adult/child.
- All masks must cover nose, mouth, and chin.
- All adult volunteers will have their temperatures taken on entering the building. NO ONE with a temperature of 100.4°F will be admitted.
- Physical distancing will be observed in the classrooms and common areas.
- Students will have assigned seating.
- Students will have personal supplies.
- There will be no snacks or drinks available.

Entrance:

- Children will be dropped off at the two different LOWER LEVEL doors near Myersville Road. Entrance doors will be assigned to families.
- Children will always enter in the same assigned door. This will be based on in-person registrations.
- For contact tracing purposes, all volunteers entering the building will sign in at the entrance on a clipboard provided. NO other adults are to enter the building unless given permission by the DRE. Attendance will be taken of children at each session.
- Children's temperatures will be taken.
- Sanitizer will be available for each child to sanitize his/her hands.
- The child will go directly to their assigned room and their assigned seat.

Sessions:

- Rooms will be marked to provide physical distancing.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all rooms.
- Sessions will be 1 hour in length (6:30-7:30 PM).
- Good Shepherd materials will be sanitized as items are used. Items difficult to sanitize will not be used.
- Restroom will be for EMERGENCY USE only and sanitized after each use. **PLEASE** make sure your child goes to the restroom BEFORE they are dropped off for PLN.
- If a child shows any symptoms during PLN, they will immediately be separated from their class and isolated until an emergency pick-up can be arranged. The

waiting area will be thoroughly disinfected when the child leaves.

Dismissal:

- Classrooms will be dismissed individually and children will stand in an assigned family square marked on the commons area floor.
- When all rooms are emptied and children are in family groups, pick-up can begin.
- Parents line transportation at assigned door.
- Parents hold up a sign (supplied) with the family name.
- Adult volunteers will call that family from the commons area and spray sanitizer on the children's hands as they leave the building.
- Any person associated with PLN that was physically present in the building and tests positive for the COVID-19 virus, shall contact Nativity's Religious Education Office immediately. Appropriate steps will be taken to inform others that were in contact with the person to allow for appropriate action.

Evaluation:

- The above processes will be re-evaluated as needed.
- Parents will be informed via email of any changes.

VIRTUAL SESSIONS AGE 3– GRADE 9

General:

- Children may not participate in virtual lessons unless proper permission forms are on file at Nativity of the Lord Jesus Church.
- ALL SESSIONS WILL BE RECORDED and include two (2) adults in each session.
- Virtual sessions will take place per the PLN schedule if there is a complete shut down.
- Children may not use a personal email account or any other social media account (i.e. Facebook) to log into any session.
- A parental email will be used for communication with a child.
- Children under 13 are not allowed online without adult supervision: this is the Children's Internet Protection Act. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child.
- ONLY @nativityofthelord.org emails will be used for communication between catechists (teachers) and parents.
- Sessions will be made available through private links and not on a public forum.
- Appropriate dress and location must be used. For example, no pajamas, no joining a session in a bedroom or bathroom.
- Respect the privacy of others.
- Do not distribute private information.
- Refrain from copyright infringement.

- Communicate only in ways that are kind and respectful. Report any communication that is threatening or discomfoting to Ada Honeck (nativitydre@nativityofthelord.org or 330-595-4774)
- Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state law is prohibited.
- Mute yourself until you are called to unmute.

Entrance:

- Parent or guardian will be emailed a link to either the live session and/or the recorded session by the Friday after the scheduled session.
- Parent or guardian will provide adult supervision during each session.
- ALL live sessions will be recorded.

Sessions:

- No private chats between students.
- A child not acting appropriately will be asked to leave the session. A report will be made to the parents and the DRE.
- All session links will be by invitation only.
- A child must be let into the session.
- All recorded sessions will be kept private.
- NO links to the PLN sessions are to be shared on social media of any kind nor shared with anyone.

Dismissal:

- When the session is over, the catechist will not leave until all children have left.

MATERIALS USED FOR IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL SESSIONS

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies - Grades P-6

Name	Grades
Seeds	Preschool
Promise	K-1
Good News	2-3
Venture	4-6

- The Gospel Weeklies are based on the Sunday readings said at Mass. Each grade level has appropriate activities that correspond.
- Use Sundays as your time to do the Gospel Weeklies together. A parent can read the Sunday readings from the Bible. (The Bibles given to each family are the translation used at Mass.)
- Take a moment to discuss what each family member is hearing in the readings. Concentrate on the Gospel reading.
- Children can complete the Gospel Weekly pamphlet.
- Other activities and suggestions can be found at <https://www.pflaumweeklies.com/> and includes videos, music, parental resources, and seasonal resources. (Online assessment coming soon.)

Decision Point - Grade 7

- This is the beginning of Confirmation preparation.
- Students will receive a Decision Point handbook.
- All sessions have online videos and can be accessed at <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view> .

YDisciple - Grade 8 and 9

- This is for students who have made their Confirmation.
- Some of the topics include:
 - The Invitation
 - Who is God?
 - Who am I?
 - Prayer
 - The Church
 - Hot Topics
 - More: <http://www.nativityofthelord.formed.org/>

Family Catechesis

- A Family of Faith Volume IV: Christian Prayer
- PLN used A Family of Faith Volume III: Life in Christ last year. Catechists used the Parent Guide and opening presentations came from the theme for each month.
- All families will receive:
 - Bible
 - United States Catechism of the Catholic Church
 - Parent Guide
 - Activity Book (1 per child up to Grade 6. Grades 7+ can still participate in the activities.)
 - Prayer Board (cork bulletin board and pushpins)
 - Glue stick, crayons, pencil per child
 - Living Our Catholic Faith resource book
 - Pickup will include additional materials for the month
 - Simple outline for the month's activities

If you choose to send your children to PLN you will still be receiving the family items. Your child will use the Gospel Weeklies and Activity Book during PLN. If PLN is closed, you will be able to pick up your child's items and continue at home.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Preparation

- Refer to the calendar on page 1 for the dates of these sacraments.
- Signs of Grace: You are Loved, You are Forgiven
- In person and at home sessions will be scheduled.

Additional Help: (Please note that everyone involved in PLN wants to make any home schooling simple and fun while engaging each persons', not just your child's, journey of faith in sound Catholic teaching.)

- Weekly email updates will continue.
- Team meetings with parents will be available to discuss any teachings or processes.
- Call Ada Honeck in the parish office at 330-699-5086 or at 330-595-4774.
- Catechist's emails will be provided after registration.

“... a family is holy not because it is perfect, but because God’s grace is at work in it.”

(United States Catholic Catechism for Adults pg. 376)



What is Catechesis?

The primary task of the Church is CATECHESIS. Catechesis comes from the Greek word meaning "to echo the teaching". Catechesis is echoing through Words, Worship, Service and Community the Teachings of Christ.

When teaching your children, you will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.

Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.

Everyone in today's world, more than ever, needs to hear the Good News of Jesus.

Everyone in today's world, more than ever, needs to encounter good role models of faith.

You'll be helping your children deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You'll be evangelizing!)

You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.

It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations."

What is the domestic Church?

Why is the family called "the domestic Church"? "The Christian home is the place where the children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family is rightly called 'the domestic church,' a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity." (CCC, no. 1666)

Find out more: THE DOMESTIC CHURCH—THE CHURCH OF THE HOME on page 376 of the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*.