



2026-2027

Welcome to Catholic Formation!

Dear Lumen Christi Families,

It is our deepest desire to engage students in their faith, help them recognize God's presence in their life and discover how to enter into a relationship with Him. At every age, and in both the joys & challenges of life, one thing remains constant: our faith, rooted in Jesus Christ who established this Church we belong to, calls us into deeper relationship with Him, and is ever present in the Eucharist.

Included in this packet you will find:

- 1) Overview & Formation Description for Child Ministry (K4-grade 5) and Youth Ministry: Middle School (6-8); High School (grades 9&10); and Confirmation (grade 11)
- 2) Formation Calendars: Child Ministry PAGE 8 & Youth Ministry (grades 6-11) PAGE 9

Join our Team! Over 375 children attend Catholic Formation grades K4-11th. Many of our catechists are dedicated parish members without children in the program – and many are parents like you! **We anticipate needing 20-30 more adults this year to serve as catechists, small group leaders, aides, hall monitors, and substitutes.** The lesson plans are set for you, all materials are provided, and we offer ongoing support throughout the year. **Catechists receive free tuition for 1 child for the year.**

There are only a few requirements for volunteers: a commitment to growing in the faith, participation in Mass on Sundays and an openness to the grace of the Holy Spirit to share your Faith. This is fun, rewarding and enriches your own faith as you help our students to develop their own. Please reach out to one of our staff for more information.

Parent Safe Environment Session: We ask **all parents** to attend a Safe Environment Session (or stay current on their recertification). This is a requirement to volunteer with children in the parish, at any capacity, and will allow parents to help out as needed at any time.

Information to sign up for a session is on the Lumen Christi webpage or email Julia Wren wrenj@lumenchristiparish.org

Thank you!

We are here to serve all families. *If you have any questions, please contact one of the staff below:*

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Child Ministry | Grades 4K - 5

Catholic Formation in Child Ministry (4K-5th grade) has 3 components:

Mass Attendance, Formation, and Family Sessions.

Through these we hope to support parents as the first catechists for their children and together grow in understanding who God is, who they were created to be and how to develop a personal relationship with God.

WEEKLY SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE is expected of our children and families.

Regular participation in the Mass on Sundays helps children to be rooted in the importance of the Sacraments and recognize the outward expression of their faith.

Lumen Christi offers 4 Mass times: Sat 4:30pm; Sun 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am.
St. Francis Borgia: Sun 6:00pm | Gesu: Sat 5:30pm; Sun 6:00pm.

Out of town? www.masstimes.org will help you find a local Catholic Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month during the 9:00am Mass and serves children ages 3K through 1st grade.

CATHOLIC FORMATION CLASS 4K-5th grade meets about three times a month on Sundays from 10:00am - 11:00am. Classes have 10-15 students, and are formed by grade and by school.

Curriculum: Sunday mornings follow our newly adopted curriculum *Discover! Finding Faith in Life* by St. Mary's Press. This faith formation is rooted in scripture, using the Children's Bibles they receive in 2nd grade. Children will dive into Bible stories using their own bible to encounter Jesus through the stories and people of scripture, followed by energetic learning activities, hands on experiences, and age appropriate prayers.

Catechists: Our catechists are dedicated parish members and commit to teaching the entire year. We strive to have catechist teams- 2 catechists in each classroom to co-lead.

Catechists are needed: Over 175 children attend Child Ministry Catholic Formation on Sunday mornings, with 2-3 classes per grade. We anticipate needing 6 more catechists. Please consider joining our team!

FAMILY SESSIONS - Family Sessions are intended for the entire family- parents and all siblings. There are 8 Family Sessions this year. Each is a little different in structure, timing, and theme with the intention to celebrate special seasons of the Church and cultivate faith as a family. These are an important component of Catholic Formation. 'Save our Spot' registration will be sent in September for the fall family sessions and again in early winter for the winter/spring sessions. This allows families to save-the-dates & Catholic Formation to plan appropriately for food and materials. There is no additional cost for these sessions. See next page for dates.

FAMILY SESSIONS information continued next page

SAVE THE DATES | FAMILY SESSIONS 2026-2027

- **Oct 4th 11:00am-3:30pm Pilgrimage to the Catholic Ecology Center** This event is celebrating a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis for the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis. October 4th is St. Francis' Feast Day. We will have an afternoon of outdoor activities centered around the Jubilee Year. This takes place from 11:00am-3:30pm; a separate registration will be required.
- **Nov 1st The Solemnity of All Saints** Attend either the 9am or 11am Mass and participate in the celebration of All Saints that continues after each Mass.
- **Jan 6th Epiphany Potluck 5:30pm** Celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with a potluck celebration which will include activities for the family.
- **May 16th Pentecost** Attend either the 9am or 11am Mass and participate in the celebration of Pentecost that continues after each Mass.
- **Encounter Night 5:00-7:00pm** Encounter is an evening with a community meal (5:00-5:50pm) followed by a 'teaching' Holy Hour of Adoration geared towards families introducing children to the devotion. There is confession, praise & worship music, and a breakout session for children. Pick at least one of the following dates: Nov 6, Dec 4, Jan 8, Feb 5, March 5, & April 2
- **Family Session** These session begin with the weekend Mass and lead into family guided activities centered around a chosen theme. Some variety of light meal or heavy snack will be provided. For each month, choose one of the sessions offered, RSVPs are appreciated.

Weekend Dates include (choose one each month):

- Dec 13th 9am or 11am
- Feb 20th 4:30pm or Feb 21st 9:00am
- April 3rd 4:30pm or April 4th 9:00am

SACRAMENTS - First Reconciliation and First Eucharist preparation begins in first grade and continues through second grade. For children who are older than second grade or have special needs and are in need of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, preparation is done individually with Kate Heinzman who coordinates the Child Ministry programs. Please email Kate to request more information.

Important Dates:

September 13

First day of Formation Classes

September 27

Formation Class & Parent Meeting

SEE FULL CALENDAR ON PAGE 8

Child Ministry Team:

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Youth Ministry | Middle School | Grades 6-8

Middle school students are walking the boundary between childhood and high school, exploring independence, and finding their own identity in their interests, friend groups, and faith. We strive to provide an environment where middle school students can have the space to talk about their questions and doubts, and a place and atmosphere where they can encounter a personal relationship with our Lord, commit to that relationship with Him, and live as His disciple.

Catholic Formation in Middle School (6-8th grade) has 4 components:

MASS ATTENDANCE | Weekly Sunday Mass attendance is expected of our teens and families.

- Lumen Christi offers 4 Mass times: Sat 4:30pm; Sun 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am
- St. Francis Borgia: Sun 6:00pm | Gesu: Sat 5:30pm; Sun 6:00pm.
- Out of town? www.masstimes.org will help you find a local Catholic Mass.

FORMATION Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm | LC School September - May

6th & 7th Grade – WONDER SERIES God is bigger and better than we can possibly imagine. Even if we read every book on earth, we couldn't fully understand Him. We can, however, hear about and know God through stories in the Bible. The Storyteller Edition will help us look for God in movies and help us recognize God in our friend's and our own personal stories. We invite our 6 & 7th graders to experience the Wonder of God through Storytelling!

8th Grade – in 8th grade, Youth Nights interweave two series which students (& small group leaders) have come to love. **Revealed:** Theology of the Body for Middle School Series. Through *REVEALED*, students will be able to understand what it means to be made in God's image, begin to see themselves and others as gifts, and grow their own roots and wings in God's perfect plan. **The Chosen:** The Chosen is the first TV series that walks through Jesus' ministry. Season one highlights how Jesus calls his first disciples and impacts their lives. As we go through this season, we will compare the show to the scripture passages and our own experiences of being called by Jesus to a life of mission. **SEE FULL CALENDAR ON PAGE 9**

RETREAT Retreats are an incredible opportunity to encounter the Lord in ways we haven't yet and hear His voice a bit clearer. We ask that students attend their grade specific retreat hosted at Lumen Christi. The retreat dates, details and registrations will be provided in September with a preregistration. There is no additional cost for the retreat.

SERVICE We encounter Christ through the persons we encounter when we serve. This is why we challenge our students to go beyond *volunteering* and look at how they can SERVE.

Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the prisoners, bury the dead, give alms to the poor...love one another as I have loved you [John 13:35]

We ask that middle school students focus less on hours and more on opportunities to serve their neighbor keeping in mind the Corporal Works of Mercy. **Middle School students should participate in 4-6 opportunities of service in the year, at least 2 of which serve with or for Lumen Christi Parish.** Families are encouraged to serve together. **Please reference the service tab** under Catholic Formation on the parish website, and weekly Youth Ministry update email for service opportunities.

Youth Ministry | 9th & 10th Grade

We know that high school students are met with daily challenges, have high academic goals, and participate in competitive extracurricular activities. With this in mind, it's our goal to meet students where they're at and show them how their relationship with Jesus Christ can be their unshakeable foundation no matter what life brings. We don't offer youth ministry as just another activity to fit into their busy lives, but as a community fostering a way of life that leads to understanding who they are and why they were created, how to invest in true and authentic friendships, and most importantly, how to have a personal encounter with Jesus and cultivate a real and lasting friendship with Him.

9th & 10th Grade Youth Ministry has 4 components:**

MASS ATTENDANCE Weekly Sunday Mass attendance is expected of our teens and families.

- Lumen Christi offers 4 Mass times: Sat 4:30pm; Sun 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am
 - St. Francis Borgia: Sun 6:00pm | Gesu: Sat 5:30pm; Sun 6:00pm.
 - Out of town? www.masstimes.org will help you find a local Catholic Mass.
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FORMATION | Youth Nights- Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm | Church | September - May

The theme for **9th Grade** is **Identity**: Who am I? Who is God? How do I relate to Him? How should I live? These are questions that the teens will dive into with their small groups as they engage in discussion, activities, games, Scripture study, retreat, and personal prayer.

The theme for **10th grade** is **Calling**: Teens will explore life's purpose, their individual calling, what discipleship is, their role in the Church, and dependence on God to grow in greatness. Together with their small groups they will choose a path of deeper learning in the second half of the year. The small group experience includes discussion, activities, games, Scripture, witnesses, retreat, and personal prayer.

SEE FULL CALENDAR ON PAGE 9

RETREAT | Retreats are a sacred opportunity to step away from the hectic pace of everyday life to encounter the Lord in new way we haven't yet and hear His voice a bit clearer. We offer a 9th grade retreat day and a 10th grade retreat day. We ask that teens prioritize attending retreats as they are an integral part of the formation year experience. Please see the calendar for retreat dates; details and preregistrations will be provided during the year, there is not additional cost.

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We ask that the teens focus less on hours and more on opportunities to serve their neighbor keeping in mind the Corporal Works of Mercy. **High School students should participate in 10-12 opportunities of service in the year, at least 5 of which serve with or for Lumen Christi Parish.** Service can include opportunities that students are already involved in through school and the community. We do regularly communicate opportunities in the parish and community, but ultimately it is the responsibility of each teen to set up his/her own opportunities to serve. **Please reference the service tab** under Catholic Formation on the parish website, and weekly Youth Ministry update email for service opportunities.

****9th & 10th grade youth ministry is a prerequisite for teens who are not attending Catholic Schools to be Confirmed in 11th grade.**

Save the Date: September 23, 2026 | 6:30pm in Church Orientation for 9th & 10th grade teens & parents

Youth Ministry | Confirmation Preparation (11th Grade)

What is Confirmation? *“Confirmation roots us more deeply in our identity as sons and daughters of God; it unites us more firmly to Christ; it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us; it strengthens our bond with the Church; and it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross.” – Catechism of the Catholic Church #1303*

Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation builds on the foundation that was established in 9th and 10th grade. Confirmation prep retains the same four components: Mass attendance, Formation, Retreat, and Service. During this year of preparation, our desire is for teens to grow in a personal commitment to Christ within the context of the whole Faith Community, the Church. Christ has said, “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you, and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will last.” (John 15:16) Confirmation is not the “Sacrament of Graduation”, or simply becoming an adult in the Church; it is Christ’s choosing of individual souls to be His *lifelong disciples*, who will share in His Mission through the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

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FORMATION | Youth Nights- Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm | Church | September - May

The theme for Confirmation preparation is, fittingly, **Mission**. Within their small groups, students will come to a deeper understanding of the Great Mission of Jesus, the Apostles, the Church, and the Saints, and how they too will share in this Mission as Confirmed Catholics. Prayer will light the way and the Holy Spirit will be the guide! The year involves engaging in discussion, forming strong bonds with sponsors, attending a retreat, hearing witnesses, diving into Scripture, and entering into deep personal prayer.

Confirmation is not graduation from formation in the Catholic Faith, and we offer ongoing activities and groups after Confirmation so that teens can take the Graces they’ve received and continue deepening their faith through ongoing community and prayer, supporting them in this lifelong Mission!

RETREAT Retreats are a sacred opportunity to step away from the hectic pace of everyday life to encounter the Lord in new ways and hear His voice a bit clearer. We offer two Confirmation Retreat weekends to choose from. A *specifically Confirmation-focused* retreat is required before Confirmation. Details, additional cost and registration will be provided in September. Confirmation retreat dates are:

- January 15-17, 2027 at St. Vincent Pallotti retreat center in Elkhorn, WI
- February 5-7, 2027 at St. Vincent Pallotti retreat center in Elkhorn, WI

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Save the Dates:

- **First Confirmation youth night** September 13, 2026 | 6:00-7:30pm
 - **Orientation for Confirmation teens & parents** (*this is a required meeting*)
September 23rd, 2026 | 7:30pm in the Church
 - **Confirmation Mass** Friday May 7th, 2027 6:00pm Rehearsal & 7:00pm Mass
 - **SEE FULL CALENDAR ON PAGE 9**
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Olivia Brotherhood

High School Youth Minister

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CHILD MINISTRY | 2026-2027 CALENDAR

- 13 CM Formation
27 CM Formation**
**parent meeting in the
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- 5 Family Session –
Encounter Adoration Night
7 CM Formation
14 CM Formation

- 4 Family Session- Catholic
Ecology Center Pilgrimage
18 CM Formation
25 CM Formation

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- 2 Family Session –
Encounter Adoration Night
3/4 Family Session-
Attend One Date
11 CM Formation
18 CM Formation

- 1 Family Session - All Saints
6 Family Session- Encounter
Adoration Night
8 CM Formation
15 CM Formation
21 Capuchin Food Pack
22 CM Formation

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- 16 Pentecost Family Session-
Attend either 9 or 11am

- 4 Family Session –
Encounter Adoration Night
6 CM Formation
13 Family Session-
Attend either 9 or 11am
20 CM Formation

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- 6 Family Session –
Epiphany Potluck
8 Family Session –
Encounter Adoration Night
10 CM Formation
17 CM Formation
24 CM Formation

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Key:

Blue – Formation

Orange – Family Service Opportunity

Family Sessions – Details for each are in
the formation packet, register in advance

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- 5 Family Session –
Encounter Adoration Night
7 CM Formation
14 CM Formation
20/21 Family Session-
Attend One Date

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Grades 4K – 5th grade

Sundays | 10:00-11:00AM | Lumen Christi School
Attend the 9:00AM Mass before class as a family
or the 11:00AM Mass after class as a family

Report absences to 262-512-8983 | please state
name and grade for each child. Thank You!

**Children's Liturgy of the Word 1st & 3rd
Sunday at 9AM Mass**

YOUTH MINISTRY | 2026-2027 CALENDAR

- 11 Middle School Youth Group
- 13 YM Youth Night
- 23 6:30 9 & 10 grade teens & parent orientation
- 23 7:30pm Confirmation Orientation – grade 11 teens & parents
- 27 YM Youth Night

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- 5 Encounter Adoration Night
- 5 Middle School Youth Group
- 7 YM Youth Night
- 7 10th grade retreat 2-7:30pm
- 14 YM Youth Night

- 2 Middle School Youth Group
- 4 Catholic Ecology Center Pilgrimage
- 11 YM Youth Night
- 25 YM Youth Night
- 25 9th grade retreat 2-7:30pm

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- 2 Encounter Adoration Night
- 4 YM Youth Night
- 9 Middle School Youth Group
- 18 YM Youth Night

- 1 All Saints Celebration
- 6 Encounter Adoration Night
- 7-8 MS CAMP
- 8 YM Youth Night
- 13 Middle School Youth Group
- 15 YM Youth Night
- 21 Capuchin Food Pack

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- 2 YM Youth Night
- 7 Confirmation! Rehearsal – 6:00pm Mass – 7:00pm
- 14 Middle School Youth Group
- 16 YM Youth Night
- 16 Pentecost Celebration after 9 & 11am Mass

- 4 Encounter Adoration Night
- 11 Middle School Youth Group
- 13 YM Youth Night

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- 11 Middle School Youth Group

Summer Dates TBA:
MS & HS Outreach Trips

- 6 Epiphany Potluck
- 8 Encounter Adoration Night
- 10 YM Youth Night
- 15-17 Confirmation Retreat option #1
- 15 Middle School Youth Group
- 24 YM Youth Night

JANUARY 2027						
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Key:
Blue – Youth Night
Red – Confirmation (Grade 11 only)
Yellow- Retreats
Green- Middle School Youth Group
Orange – Family Opportunity

- 5 Encounter Adoration Night
- 5-7 Confirmation Retreat option #2
- 12 Middle School Youth Group
- 14 YM Youth Night
- 20-21 HS Girls Retreat
- 21 YM Youth Night

FEBRUARY 2027						
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YM Youth Night
6:00-7:30pm

Middle School in School
 High School in Parish Building

Middle School Youth Group
6:00-8:00pm

Meets in St. Cecilia Hall
 unless noted otherwise

