

Children & Youth

2022 to 2023 Formation Catalog



PAX CHRISTI
CATHOLIC CHURCH

"It is true that catechesis can be given anywhere, but I wish to stress, in accordance with the desire of many Bishops, that the parish community must continue to be the prime mover and pre-eminent place for catechesis"

Pope Saint John Paul II, Catechesi tradendae, 67, 1979

Formation at Pax Christi

While parents are the first and primary teachers of the faith, Pax Christi seeks to partner with and assist parents by offering formation opportunities for children and youth on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

Take a look at what we have to offer, reach out to ask questions, and when you are ready, register online.

paxchristichurch.org/faith-formation



Sunday Opportunities

Sunday Morning During the 9:00 am Mass

PreK-1st Grade, Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday Evenings 6:00 to 7:15 pm

PreK-5th Grade, Kingdom Kids

2nd Grade Includes 1st Reconciliation & First Eucharist Prep.

6th-8th Grade, Middle School Small Groups

9th-10th Grade, Confirmation Prep. Small Groups

Wednesday Opportunities

Wednesday Evenings 4:30 to 6:00 pm

PreK-5th Grade, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
2nd Grade Includes 1st Reconciliation & First Eucharist Prep.

Wednesday Evenings 6:30 to 8:00 pm

PreK-5th Grade, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
2nd Grade Includes 1st Reconciliation & First Eucharist Prep.

6th-8th Grade, Middle School Small Groups

9th-10th Grade, Confirmation Prep. Small Groups

9th-12th Grade, High School Small Group

Schedules will be available on our website at paxchristchurch.org/cyfministry

While you are there you may wish to subscribe to our online calendars (hosted on Google)

Reviewing those schedules and subscribing to those calendars are a great way to stay current on important dates and details.

Volunteer Opportunities

Catechist/Small Group Leader

Responsible for preparing/reviewing content/lesson plan for each class/small group. Seeks to be not only a teacher but also a model for the children or youth in one's class/small group.

Asst. Catechist/Small Group Leader

Responsible for assisting the catechist(s). Seeks to be not only a teacher but also a model for the children or youth in one's class/small group.

Sub. Catechist/Small Group Leader

Responsible for filling in when a catechist/assistant catechist is unable to attend, subs are often called upon on short notice to fill in for someone who might call in ill.

Child Care Supervisor

Responsible for watching the young children (infant-3 years old) of volunteers during times a class/small group is meeting.

Room/Program Supplies Preparation

Responsible for assisting staff in preparing supplies, lesson plans, etc... This job is flexible and can be done anytime.



PreK & Elementary

Pre-k through 1st Grade, Children's Liturgy of the Word (Sun During 9am Mass)

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered at the 9 am Mass throughout the school year. The Celebrant calls children forward after the opening prayer and dismisses them with trained catechists who guides them through the Mass readings, an activity, and prayer in a way that appeals to a child's understanding. Children return to Mass and sit with their families again just before the offering.

Pre-K through 5th Grade, Kingdom Kids (Sun)

Kingdom Kids uses "Allelu!" by Our Sunday Visitor for preschool-kindergarten and "Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts" for 1st-5th grade. Both curricula integrate fundamental themes of the Catechism of the Catholic Church with Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching. As children are introduced to, and revisit concepts and vocabulary from one year to the next, their knowledge and experience both broaden and deepen as they grow in faith as committed disciples of Jesus. Our time together includes hands on learning through activities such as art projects, music, church tours, and more. Students in Second Grade who enroll in Kingdom Kids typically prepare for First Penance & Reconciliation and First Eucharist as well.

Pre-K through 5th Grade, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Wed)

CGS uses the Montessori method of learning/formation and focuses on exploring the religious values of childhood, primarily those values of contemplation and enjoyment of God. This experience is shared in a place particularly prepared for the religious life of children called the atrium. The atrium (or prepared environment) is one of the important elements that helps the relationship between God and the child to flourish. After a theme has been presented, the child is free to choose a work that will make possible the inner dialogue with the "Good Shepherd." The atrium can be compared to a retreat house facilitating reflection and silence. Students in Second Grade who enroll in Kingdom Kids typically prepare for First Penance & Reconciliation and First Eucharist as well.

First Penance & Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Typically preparation for these two sacraments takes place during a student's time in 2nd grade. Families have three options to choose from to prepare for these sacraments. 1) Kingdom Kids, 2) Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and 3) Rochester Catholic Schools. Enrolling in any of the three in 2nd grade will set your child on the path towards receiving these sacraments. If your child is older and hasn't yet received his/her first sacraments then we ask that you contact our staff and we will come up with a plan together.

Middle & High School

6th Grade, Summit & the Great Adventure Bible Timeline (Sun or Wed)

Summit is a small group Bible study for teenagers by Life Teen based on the Sunday Mass readings. This Lectionary-based study is designed to help teenagers gain a deeper understanding of and appreciation for Sacred Scripture and the Holy Mass. At Pax Christi we pair Summit with “The Great Adventure Bible Timeline” from Ascension. The Timeline follows the narrative of salvation history and assists students as they explore the ways in which God continues his work of salvation in their own lives.

7th and 8th Grade, Edge Small Groups (Sun or Wed)

Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program by Life Teen that provides a fun and safe place for youth to find solid Catholic community, get answers to their questions about faith, and experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Edge resources speak to the physical, psychological, cognitive, relational, and spiritual maturation of middle school youth. Our Edge Small Groups continue to cultivate disciples by building a foundation for the sacrament of Confirmation which students will intensely prepare for in grades nine and ten.

9th and 10th Grade (Typically), Confirmation Preparation (Sun or Wed)

Confirmation preparation at Pax Christi is a two year process, beginning typically in 9th grade and culminating with the reception of the Sacrament in 10th grade. We primarily utilize small groups which are made up of friends and peers led by adult and peer leaders. Students and leaders remain in the same small group for two years to build trust and deep relationships with one another. Students in Confirmation preparation will learn about the faith, explore vocation, and make a commitment of their lives to the Gospel and an ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ as his disciple.

High School Small Group (Wed) & Student Leadership (Sun)

Once students have received the Sacrament of Confirmation they are invited to continue their lifelong discipleship journey in a small group made up of peers on Wednesday nights. Topics covered at these small groups are guided by the students and usually relate to how we, as Catholics, can engage the world around us in a faithful and fruitful way. We also provide opportunities for leadership. We love to have student leaders in our small groups on Sundays, this is a great way to live out one’s call to discipleship and lifelong relationship with Jesus.

Family Nights

Overview

Individual formation is important but it will only take root and bare fruit if it is cultivated daily at home in the context of the family. Parents are the primary teachers of the faith so we believe one of the best things we can do as a parish is support parents in and equip families with tools for this great adventure into the spiritual life and relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. This school year the Office of Children, Youth, & Family Ministry will be providing evenings focused on family formation; they will be opportunities to build community, learn, and pray together with other families seeking similar growth.

Details

The family formation nights will be on four Sundays and Wednesdays and will take the place of the regularly scheduled formation/small group nights. They will follow a similar schedule each time starting with Mass and ending with a closing prayer:

5:30 pm	*Mass in the Church
6:15 pm	Dinner & Reflection
6:45 pm	Activity and/or Discussion (done at the dinner table)
7:15 pm	**Closing Prayer

*We know some families may not be able to get to Pax Christi on time for Mass, please still come for dinner.

**We also know that 7:15 pm gets kind of late for little ones, this event is for all ages, so if you have to leave early it is ok, we hope you can at least come for the Dinner & Reflection and stay for the Activity/Discussion.

Topics Preview

We are still discerning the specific topics for each night, but we expect we will focus on four major themes:

- Eucharistic Revival - Celebrating the Sacraments as a Family
- Sacred Scripture & Salvation History - God's Word in the Life of the Family
- Communication - Language of Love within the Family
- On Mission - Living and Serving as a Family

Sunday Dates

- October 16
- November 20
- February 5
- March 12

Wednesday Dates

- October 12
- November 16
- February 1
- March 15

2022 to 2023 Formation Schedules

Sunday Morning (Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 am Mass)

SEP 18	OCT 16	NOV 13	DEC 11	JAN 8	FEB 2	MAR 5	BREAK
SEP 25	BREAK	NOV 20	DEC 18	BREAK	BREAK	MAR 12	BREAK
OCT 2	OCT 30	BREAK	BREAK	JAN 22	BREAK	MAR 19	APR 16
OCT 9	NOV 6	DEC 4	BREAK	JAN 29	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 23
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Sunday Evening

SEP 18	OCT 16	NOV 13	DEC 11	JAN 8	FEB 2	MAR 5	BREAK
SEP 25	BREAK	NOV 20	DEC 18	BREAK	BREAK	MAR 12	BREAK
OCT 2	OCT 30	BREAK	BREAK	JAN 22	BREAK	MAR 19	APR 16
OCT 9	NOV 6	DEC 4	BREAK	JAN 29	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 23
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Wednesday Evening

SEP 21	BREAK	NOV 16	DEC 14	JAN 11	FEB 8	MAR 8	BREAK
SEP 28	OCT 26	BREAK	DEC 21	JAN 18	FEB 15	MAR 15	APR 12
OCT 5	NOV 2	NOV 30	BREAK	JAN 25	BREAK	MAR 22	APR 19
OCT 12	NOV 9	DEC 7	BREAK	FEB 1	MAR 1	MAR 29	APR 26

Schedules are subject to change.

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