

# ST. GILES PARISH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE – 2020/2021

## WEEKLY FORMATION RESOURCES

Beginning in September, topical resources developed for families with discussions and activities identified specifically for appropriateness by age and developmental stage **will be available to ALL families in the St. Giles Parish community on a weekly basis**. These will follow topics or themes, coincide with our life within the liturgical year, and will be available for families to use at their own pace to support their faith life. From time to time, we will also be highlighting resources done in conjunction with Ascension Parish. *No check-in or registration related to these resources will be required.*

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Families with students who wish to remain on track during their 2-year sacrament preparation period (e.g. 1st and 2nd grades, 7th and 8th grades, or any student, regardless of grade, who will be in one of these 2-year sacrament preparation periods) will need to register for our more formal, structured formation **At Home RE program** done at home and online in partnership with Loyola Press. In addition, if a student is in their 2nd year of this period (generally 2nd grade for 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion or 8th grade for Confirmation), they will need to be registered for the separate sacrament preparation.

**First Reconciliation and First Communion** sacrament preparation will be done at home as a family with materials and guidance provided by the parish, most likely in mid-Autumn, with First Reconciliation to be celebrated in January (TBD) and First Communion in April (TBD).

**Confirmation** for 8th graders will be done via Small Faith Groups, with the first session planned *in-person on September 27th*, three more Small Faith Group sessions done via Zoom in October, November and January, and an at home Retreat prior to the planned February 27th celebration.

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION BY GRADE LEVEL

Please check each of the sections below to see if any specific formation requirements apply to your student and how they and you will be supported this year:

## PreK to K -

- No registration required this year
- Weekly Formation Resources available to use as a family at home

## Grade 1

- **Registration required** for **At Home RE** (Tuition = \$75 per student) to remain on track for First Reconciliation & First Communion in 2nd grade
- Weekly Formation Resources available to use as a family at home

## Grade 2

### Student was in Religious Education or a Catholic school for 1st Grade:

- **Registration required** for **At Home RE** (Tuition = \$75 per student) and **separate Sacrament Preparation** (Fees = \$50 per student) to remain on track for First Reconciliation & First Communion this year.
- Weekly Formation Resources available to use as a family at home

### This is the student's first year in formation. They were NOT in Religious Education or a Catholic school for 1st grade:

- **Registration required** for **At Home RE** (Tuition = \$75 per student) to remain on track for First Reconciliation & First Communion next year.
- Weekly Formation Resources available to use as a family at home

## Grades 3, 4, 5 or 6\*

- No registration required this year - Families *may* register for **At Home RE** (Tuition = \$75 per student) if they prefer a more formally structured formation, but it is not required this year.
- Weekly Formation Resources available to use as a family at home

\*If your student has not yet celebrated First Reconciliation and First Communion and would like to prepare for these sacraments, please see the section entitled "**Off-Track Sacrament Preparation**" below.

## Grade 7

- **Registration required** for **At Home RE** (Tuition = \$75 per student) to remain on track for Confirmation in 8th grade
- Weekly Formation Resources available to use as a family at home

## Grade 8

### Student was in Religious Education or a Catholic school for 7th Grade:

- **Registration required** for **At Home RE** (Tuition = \$75 per student) and **separate Sacrament Preparation** (Fees = \$50 per student) to remain on track for Confirmation in February
- Weekly Formation Resources available to use as a family at home

### They were NOT in Religious Education or a Catholic school for 7th grade:

- **Registration required** for **At Home RE** (Tuition = \$75 per student) to remain on track for Confirmation next year.
- Weekly Formation Resources available to use as a family at home

## OFF-TRACK SACRAMENT PREPARATION - Grades 3, 4, 5 or 6

We will continue to follow the Archdiocesan requirement of (2) full, consecutive years of formal formation in addition to our separate sacrament preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion. If your student has not yet celebrated these sacraments, please see the requirements below based on their formation last year.

If your student was **not** in either a parish Religious Education program or a Catholic school last year, they will be eligible to celebrate these sacraments next year if they register and complete the requirements of the At Home RE program (Tuition = \$75 per student) for their current grade level this year.

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**Again, our goal is to support YOU as your child's first catechist in sharing our faith.** We aim to do this in a manner that is consistent with the Catechism and any Archdiocesan requirements, while bearing in mind that you are all juggling a new way of being in so many avenues of your lives.