

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES - Grades 1-5 (Formerly known as CCD)

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- ❖ Virtual platform: My Catholic Faith Delivered.
- ❖ Students will submit their post assessments each week online.
- ❖ Students will have a monthly zoom meeting with catechists.
- ❖ To build a personal relationship with Jesus through service, evangelization, and catechesis, students will have 4 required in-person retreats by grade. Each retreat will take approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. Students will reflect and do service projects for the needy in the surrounding areas.

HOME SCHOOL: Community experiences are integral parts of the preparation for the Sacraments that cannot be experienced in isolation from the parish. Grades 1-5 students are expected to complete the program both virtually and in person as stated above. For this reason, we are no longer offering the option of Home-School next year.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES - Grades 6-8 (Formerly known as CCD)

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Option 1: Online and In-Person (Given only 5/1/21-5/21/21 to register)

- ✓ **Week 1**: Created Online Independent Lesson with Catholic Brain Subscription (one week to complete Fri-Fri)
- ✓ **Week 2**: Attend Holy Mass with family members (in person)- takes the place of a class time
- ✓ **Week 3**: Liturgical and Mission/Service Activity (in person). You may choose one of the following days for week 3: Sat. 4:30 – 6:30pm (Mass included), OR Sun. 10:20 – 12:20pm (Mass included), OR Mon. 4:30 – 6:00pm
- ✓ **Week 4**: Created Online Independent Lesson with Catholic Brain subscription (one week to complete Fri-Fri)

Option 2: **Online**. Same as Option 1 **except Week 3**. HOME-MISSION ACTIVITY will be sent via email.

8th grade candidates will have **4 required** in person sessions **excluding** the Confirmation retreat:

Oct. (candidate with parent or sponsor), **Dec.** (candidate), **Jan.** (candidate with parent or sponsor), and **March** (candidate)
There will be a required Holy Mass lesson for all the middle school students (hybrid or online) before classes begin. Sign-ups will be sent in September. Parents are welcome to join.

GOSPEL CENTERED FAMILY CATECHESIS - GRADES 1-8 (Formerly known as FCC)

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- ✓ Monthly in-person meetings, September-May (9 classes), Sundays from 9:00 AM-11:45 AM
- ✓ Program: Pflaum Gospel Weeklies.
- ✓ Parents and children attend as a family to learn age appropriate lessons based on the Sunday Gospels.
- ✓ Children will meet with grade level catechists while parents enjoy adult presentations to explore their own faith and learn to lead their families to model Christ.
- ✓ Family activities, service and fellowship built in to each session.
- ✓ Families will complete brief review of the Sunday Gospel for the weeks not attending class.
- ✓ At least one parent is required to attend each session.
- ✓ Seasonal family projects included.
- ✓ Because we only meet 9 times, attendance is vital. Only one absence allowed to satisfactorily complete the year.
- ✓ Space is limited due to school capacity. Registration will close when full.

REGISTRATION/REQUIREMENTS

- Registration begins on 5/1/21. The deadline for registration is 5/21/21. Late fee: \$50.00 per family. Late registrants cannot be guaranteed requested days or particular catechists.
- Classes begin **10/3** for Religious Ed Grades 1-8, and **9/12/21** for Gospel Centered Family Catechesis.
- Grades 1,3,4,5,6,7: \$150 per child. Grades 2 and 8: \$200 per child to cover the cost of additional events.
- The Reconciliation/Communion process is a 2-year program in Grades 1 and 2. All children enrolling in 2nd grade must have completed the 1st grade religious education.
- The Confirmation process is a 2-year program in Grades 7 and 8 (unless the students attends another Catholic School, please call the Religious Education office for more information.)
- Holy Mass is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Therefore, regular family Mass attendance is required as part of all our religious education program.