

CHILDREN & YOUTH

2021-2022 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

Catechesis/ 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 catechetical/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**](http://paxchristichurch.org/faith-formation)



2021-2022 OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNING DURING 9 AM MASS

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

SUNDAY EVENINGS 6:00-7:00 PM

PreK-5th Grade, Kingdom Kids
2nd Grade Includes 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion Prep.

SUNDAY EVENINGS 6:00-7:30 PM

6th-8th Grade, Middle School Small Groups
9th-10th Grade, Confirmation Prep. Small Groups

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS TIME TBD**

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

***SESSIONS WILL LIKELY RUN 4:15-5:45 & 6:15-7:45**

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:30-8:00 PM

6th-8th Grade, Middle School Small Groups
9th-10th Grade, Confirmation Prep. Small Groups
9th-12th Grade, High School Small Group

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.





DESCRIPTIONS

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 typically prepare for First Reconciliation and First Communion in Second Grade.

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 typically prepare for First Reconciliation and First Communion in Second Grade.

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.

2021-2022 SCHEDULES

SUNDAY MORNING (CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD AT 9 AM MASS)

SEP 19	OCT 17	NOV 14	DEC 12	JAN 9	FEB 6	MAR 6	APR 3
SEP 26	OCT 24	NOV 21	DEC 19	JAN 16	FEB 13	MAR 13	APR 10
OCT 3	OCT 31	NOV 28	DEC 26	JAN 23	FEB 20	MAR 20	APR 17
OCT 10	NOV 7	DEC 5	JAN 2	JAN 30	FEB 27	MAR 27	APR 24

SUNDAY EVENING

SEP 19	OCT 17	NOV 14	DEC 12	JAN 9	BREAK	MAR 6	APR 3
SEP 26	BREAK	NOV 21	DEC 19	JAN 16	FEB 13	MAR 13	APR 10
OCT 3	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	JAN 23	FEB 20	MAR 20	BREAK
OCT 10	NOV 7	DEC 5	BREAK	JAN 30	BREAK	BREAK	APR 24

WEDNESDAY EVENING

SEP 22	BREAK	NOV 17	BREAK	JAN 12	FEB 9	MAR 9	APR 6
SEP 29	OCT 27	BREAK	DEC 22	JAN 19	FEB 16	MAR 16	BREAK
OCT 6	NOV 3	DEC 1	BREAK	JAN 26	FEB 23	MAR 23	APR 20
OCT 13	NOV 10	DEC 8	BREAK	FEB 2	BREAK	BREAK	APR 27

Schedules are subject to change.

Please consult with staff for schedules as they may vary slightly.

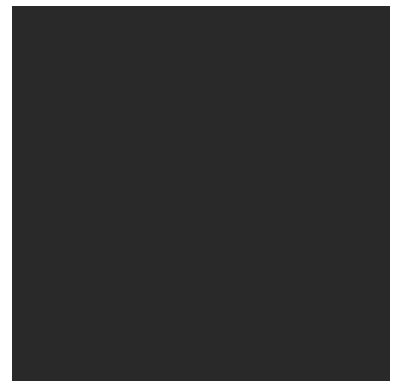
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