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## **CHRISTIAN FORMATION HANDBOOK 2020 - 2021**

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

The Christian Formation Office seeks to encourage in children and youth a personal relationship with God, to introduce the foundational teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church, to provide experiences of community through prayer and social outreach ministry, and to highlight the missionary endeavor of the Church.

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**SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: "VINE AND BRANCHES"**

**TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

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## **SUNDAY MASS**

The Catholic Church tells us that we have an obligation to go to Mass every Sunday. It is an obligation that most of us fulfill willingly, but many people don't understand why the Church requires this of us.

In the Third Commandment, God tells us to "*Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.*" For the Jews, the Sabbath was Saturday; Christians, however, transferred the Sabbath to Sunday, the day of Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead. The Church tells us that we have an obligation to fulfill the Third Commandment by refraining from unnecessary work on Sunday and by participating in the Mass, our chief form of worship as Catholics.

From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have understood that being a Christian isn't a private matter. We are called to be Christians *together*, while we can and should engage in the private worship of God throughout the week, our primary form of worship is public and communal, which is why Sunday Mass is so important.

### **MASS REFLECTIONS**

Mass attendance is an integral part of our faith journey and formation. Classroom instruction and activities rely on students regularly attending Mass. When students are not familiar with the structure of the Mass, prayers, etc., it reduces the quality of our classroom experiences. **Each student in grades two through eleven are required to complete eight Mass Reflections throughout the year.** These forms are available for Grades 2/3, 4/5/6, and 7-11. They can be found on our website ([www.stleonards.org](http://www.stleonards.org)). *Paper copies will no longer be available.* Please complete the correct form for your child's grade. Email completed forms to:

[stlchristianformation@yahoo.com](mailto:stlchristianformation@yahoo.com)

***Mass Reflections will only be counted if you have completed a reflection from a Catholic Mass you have attended. Non-Catholic services are not a Mass.***

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### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If there are weather conditions (*snow, ice, etc.*) or an emergency that necessitates the cancellation of the Christian Formation Program or events, the appropriate information will be posted to the Christian Formation website at [www.stleonards.org](http://www.stleonards.org) and our voicemail will be updated. Local news channels WTMJ and WISN should also be notified.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Parking Lot Safety

To ensure the safety of all children, please observe the following procedures. When dropping off children, make sure that children have safely entered the building before leaving the parking lot.

**Note: No pick up or drop off is allowed at the South Entrance** to the school building for the protection of all of our children. Enter the parking lot at the **north** driveway and exit by the **south** driveway. Please drive slowly and be aware of pedestrians.

### Attendance (Fall session for 2020-21 will be virtual / online; Spring session TBD)

**Regular attendance at classes is essential** for any measure of success in a Christian Formation Program. Weekly attendance enables children to grow in the knowledge of the Faith, to develop a sense of belonging to the parish community, and, through regular prayer to build a relationship with God. 100% attendance is **preferred** – but the required attendance is as follows:

Grades 1 - 6: 14 of 18 classes (*up to four absences or completed online coursework*)

Grades 4 - 9: Enrichment Offering (*with a parent - see page 18*)

Grades 7 - 9: 13 of 16 classes (*up to three absences or completed online coursework*)

Confirmation 10-11: 14 of 16 classes (*up to two absences or completed online coursework*)

- **Ushering or Altar Serving at Mass is NOT a substitute for attending class.**
- **Students with more than allowed absences have not “Completed Requirements” which will affect eligibility for Athletics.**
- **If your child(ren) are going to be absent, please call before class begins. Calling in your missing student does not negate the absence.**
- **Making up classes on a different day is NOT an option.**

### **Grades 4 – 9 Attendance Specifics**

**All students** in Grades 4 – 9 are required to complete *one enrichment with a parent*. (An *Enrichment Offerings schedule will be emailed to parents in October and the most current schedule can be found online at [www.stleonards.org](http://www.stleonards.org). Click on the ‘Enrichment Offerings’ tab.*)

### Late Arrival / Early Release of Students

In order to keep our students and volunteers safe, our building is locked and secured after the starting bell rings. This also includes the indoor access door between the Church and Formation Office. Students who arrive after class has begun will need to be brought by a parent to the Christian Formation Office and signed in as a late arrival. Students who leave before the final bell will need to be signed out by a parent in the Christian Formation Office. This policy is for the safety of all those in our care during scheduled class times. **As always, students are not allowed to leave early for a St. Leonard Athletic event.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION - continued

### Code of Conduct

Students in Christian Formation are expected, at all times, to be respectful, courteous, and honest to the faculty, staff, and fellow students.

In class, students are expected to...

- Arrive on time and report directly to classroom (*please be aware of the time if you are attending Hospitality Sunday*)
- Be prepared for class with their homework and supplies
- Respect the property of the school and other students
- Listen to the catechist (*teacher*) and follow directions
- Show respect, through words and actions, to the catechist and to other students
- Not call out in class or leave their seats unless asked to do otherwise
- Not be a distraction to or disrespectful toward other students

If a student does not follow the above guidelines...

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – child is sent to the Christian Formation Office
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – child is sent to the Christian Formation Office – and – contact is made with the parents
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – a parent of the child is **required** to sit in class with the student until the teacher feels the child is ready to be on his or her own again.

### Dual Parenting Reporting

In cases where this applies, the names and addresses of both parents should be listed on the registration form. The Christian Formation Office should have custodial information indicating to which parent the child should be released after class. Unless otherwise instructed, information commonly made available to parents of any student in attendance will be provided to both parents.

### Emergencies

At registration, parents/guardians are asked to provide an email address, home and work phone numbers, as well as any other phone number, which would be used in case of an accident or emergency. Should any of this information change during the year, please notify the Christian Formation Office. Parents are encouraged to provide email addresses at the time of registration for direct communication for non-emergency issues throughout the year.

## GENERAL INFORMATION - continued

### Emergency Response

At the beginning of each Christian Formation session we will be holding emergency drills. The response to these drills will be as follows:

**Fire** – All students will take their coats and proceed in an orderly fashion with their teachers to the nearest exit to the front parking lot. They will remain there until it is safe to return to the building.

**Tornado or Weather emergency** – All students and their teachers will go to the cafeteria. They will sit on the floor until the danger has passed.

### Sacramental Preparation

*To fully prepare for the reception of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation, all students should complete the Christian Formation programs for grades 1-9 or attend a Catholic school for grades 1-9.*

**Baptism:** All students must receive the Sacrament of Baptism prior to receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. If a child is seven or older and is not baptized – or – is delayed in the reception of Eucharist, please contact Bridget Klawitter at the **Parish Office:** 262-679-1773.

*In the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist normally occurs during a child's second grade year. **St. Leonard policy requires children be enrolled in Christian Formation either here or at another Catholic church or school for one full year before they can begin their preparation for these two sacraments.** This ensures each child begins to develop a foundation in faith formation and the understanding that the celebration of the sacraments is a **lifelong** process.*

**First Reconciliation:** Preparation for First Reconciliation is completed in the fall semester of a child's second year of formation (*please see above statement on preparation*). This study culminates in **all** second year students attending a reconciliation prayer service in December. **Attendance at this service is a required part of the program.** You and your child determine if he or she is ready to receive the sacrament at the end of the service. A required informational parent meeting will be held. (*See page 9 for meeting date.*)

**First Eucharist:** Preparation for First Eucharist occurs in the spring semester of second grade. An informational parent meeting is held in mid-January – one parent is **required** to attend this important meeting.

**Confirmation:** Preparation for Confirmation - see page 11.

# CALENDAR OF CLASSES

Grades 1 - 11

Students MUST attend both Fall and Spring Sessions

Elementary (*Class times: Sunday 10:15 - 11:30 am / Monday 6:15 - 7:30 pm*)

*\*Mandatory Virtual Parent Meeting September 20/21*

One parent is required to attend

**FALL SESSION**

~~September 20/21 (\*parent meeting)  
September 27/28  
October 4/5  
October 11/12  
October 18/19 - **no classes**  
October 25/26  
November 1/2  
November 8/9  
November 15/16  
November 22/23~~

**SPRING SESSION**

January 24/25  
January 31 / February 1  
February 7/8  
February 14/15  
February 21/22  
February 28 / March 1 - **no classes**  
March 7/8  
March 14/15  
March 21/22  
March 28/29

**VIRTUAL  
CLASSES IN  
FALL.  
COURSEWORK  
MATERIAL DUE  
12/15/20**

Youth Ministry Gr. 7- 9 (*Class times: Sunday 10:15 -11:30 am / Monday 6:15 -7:30 pm*)

**FALL SESSION**

~~September 27/28  
October 4/5  
October 11/12  
October 18/19 - **no classes**  
October 25/26  
November 1/2  
November 8/9  
November 15/16  
November 22/23~~

**SPRING SESSION**

January 31 / February 1  
February 7/8  
February 14/15  
February 21/22  
February 28 / March 1 - **no classes**  
March 7/8  
March 14/15  
March 21/22  
March 28/29

**VIRTUAL  
CLASSES IN  
FALL.  
COURSEWORK  
MATERIAL DUE  
12/15/20**

Confirmation Grades 10 - 11 (*Class times: Sunday 6:30 - 8:00 pm*)

*Instead of a meeting on the first night of class, one parent and their student must attend an online meeting before course work begins. Dates and times to be determined.*

**FALL SESSION**

~~September 27 (\*parent's night)  
October 4  
October 11  
October 18 - **no classes**  
October 25  
November 1 - (large group in church)  
November 8  
November 15  
November 22~~

**SPRING SESSION**

January 31  
February 7 → (Class time 2:00-3:30pm,  
large group)  
February 14  
February 21  
February 28 - **no classes**  
March 7 - (large group in church)  
March 14  
March 21  
March 28

**VIRTUAL  
CLASSES IN  
FALL.  
COURSEWORK  
MATERIAL DUE  
12/15/20**

## **ELEMENTARY** **(Grades 1 – 6)**

Requirements for students in Grades 1 – 6 are as follows:

- All Grades: **required Attendance** in class (all fall semester work completed and 7 of 9 classes in the spring semester, pending the return to in person formation)
- All Grades: Complete a grade level appropriate **Prayer Experience** scheduled throughout the year (**Requirement changed 2019-20 to replace Memorization**)
- Grades 2 – 6: Complete **eight Mass Reflections** (see page 2 for more information)
- Grades 2: Attend a **Reconciliation Prayer service** – **Gr. 3-6 Suspended for 2020-21**  
Grades 4, 5, 6 – complete **one Enrichment Offering** (see page 18).

***The Christian Formation Office can be called or emailed at any time to verify the status of student requirements.***

Our Elementary Program is open to children in grades one through six. It includes teachings on the Tradition, Scriptures, Prayer and Social Teachings of the Catholic Church. Student Evaluations are sent at the completion of each semester and will include class completion status, Prayer Experience, Mass Reflections (*grades 2 - 6*), and completion of one Enrichment (*grades 4 - 6*).

### **Prayer Experience**

Learning prayers and facts is a central part of your child's faith development and we launched a new program last year! Instead of working on rote memorization at home, we now offer six different programs throughout each year. Three of the six programs during the lower elementary years (Grades 1-3) and three of the six programs during upper elementary (Grades 4-6). Due to COVID-19 concerns, we have had to adjust how we present these for the '20 – '21 term. Recorded programs will be posted to our website for parent and child to participate in as your schedule allows this year. Watch for communication from our office when these become available.

### **Enrichment Offerings**

In order to increase our contact time with students in grades 4 – 6, these students are **required** to complete one of the many grade appropriate enrichment offerings scheduled throughout the year. Please note which enrichments are open to the upper grades as well. An adult needs to accompany students. (*An Enrichment Offerings schedule will be emailed to parents in October and the most current schedule can be found online at [www.stleonards.org](http://www.stleonards.org). Click on the 'Enrichment Offerings' tab.*) Due to COVID-19 concerns, we will be offering a variety of enrichment opportunities in various formats. Details will be sent with a schedule and options with the class assignment information in September.

**HOME STUDY** See page 14 for information on our Home Study Program.



**ELEMENTARY - continued**  
**(Grades 1 – 6)**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Fall Information email - early-September

Spring Session letter - mid-January

First Reconciliation Parent meeting - mid-September

First Communion Parent meeting - early-January

Parent newsletters - will be emailed when published and be available on the website:

**[www.stleonards.org](http://www.stleonards.org)**



**RECONCILIATION** (*Gr 2 see below; Gr. 3-6 Suspended for 2020-21*):

**FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING: (parents only please)**

*Virtual Parent Meeting on September 29 – more details to follow*

**FIRST RECONCILIATION PRAYER SERVICE: (Attendance required)**

*Tentative date: December 5, 2020 at 10:00 am ~ pending status of Catholic Comeback Plan*



**FIRST COMMUNION:**

**FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING:**

*Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 6:30 pm Gathering Space (or virtual if necessary)*

**FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT: (Mandatory parent / child attendance.)**

**Saturday, March 13, 8:45 – 11:30 am**

**Group Masses**

**Sunday, May 2, 2021, 1:30 pm**

Rehearsal Date: *Wednesday, April 28, 6:15–7:45 pm*

**Sunday, May 16, 2021, 1:30 pm**

Rehearsal Date: *Wednesday, May 12, 6:15-7:45 pm*

**Family Mass –**

**Saturday, May 8, 2021, 5:00 pm Mass**

Rehearsal Date: *Friday, May 7, 6:00 pm*

## YOUTH MINISTRY Grades 7 - 9

**Requirements** for students in grades 7 – 9 are as follows:

- Completion of coursework
- Attend one enrichment with a parent\*
- Complete service hours according to grade level.\*\*
- Attend a Reconciliation Service – **Suspended for 2020-21**
- Complete 8 Mass Reflections - (see page 2)

The goal for completion is 100% for coursework and *one enrichment with a parent*. All families have obligations that they must attend. It is our hope that families make Christian Formation a priority. In order to cooperate with the needs for busy families, we have allowed three absences for the year. The number of allowed absences for 2020-21 may be modified due to virtual classes in fall.

\***Enrichments** are meant to enhance spiritual formation in a non-classroom setting. These opportunities are meant for parents to spend time with their children in an environment that can enrich their faith journeys. (*An Enrichment Offerings schedule will be emailed to parents in October and the most current schedule can be found online at [www.stleonards.org](http://www.stleonards.org). Click on the 'Enrichment Offerings' tab.*)

\*\* **Service hour** requirement    Grade 7 – Two Hours  
  Grade 8 – Five Hours  
  Grade 9 – Ten Hours



More information about Service opportunities can be found on page 15.

***The Christian Formation Office can be called or emailed at any time to verify the status of student requirements.***

**Curriculum** for Youth Ministry is meant to be a more in-depth study of the Catholic faith. Students review what they have already learned in elementary Christian Formation and become more involved in their faith.

**Make-up work is not available.**

**Making up a class on a different day is NOT an option.**

# CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

## Grades 10 & 11

**Requirements** to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are as follows:

- Complete the Christian Formation program in grades 1-9 OR attend a Catholic school in grades 1-9
- Complete a two-year Confirmation Program with required attendance (see page 4) - for Catholic High School students, Junior year only
- Complete 8 Mass Reflections each year (see page 2)
- Attend a Reconciliation Service each year – **Suspended for 2020-21**
- Complete 15 service hours Junior year / 10 service hours Sophomore year (*more information about Service opportunities can be found on page 15*)
- Attend a one day retreat Sophomore year (see below)
- Attend a one day Confirmation retreat Junior year (see below)
- Write a letter to the Archbishop/Bishop presiding at the Confirmation Mass (*Junior year*)
- Complete a Confirmation interview (*Junior year*)

**One parent and their student must attend an online meeting before course work begins. Dates and times to be determined.**

*More information about the Confirmation and Sophomore Retreats will be provided.*

Confirmation Retreat dates - an all day retreat (9:00 am – 7:00 pm) held at St. Leonard  
Saturday, January 30, 2021 - **OR** -  
Saturday, February 6, 2021

Sophomore Retreat dates - an all day retreat (9:00 am – 7:00 pm) held at St. Leonard.  
Saturday, October 24, 2020 - **OR** -  
Saturday, November 14, 2020

**CONFIRMATION DATE:** The Archdiocese has posted our assigned Confirmation date:  
*Friday, April 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm*

**REHEARSAL DATE:** *Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm in Church*



# **Sacramental Guidelines**

**First Reconciliation**

**First Eucharist**

**Confirmation**



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## Sacramental Life

As Roman Catholics, sacraments are a key part of both our formational and worship experiences. Receiving a sacrament (*and its accompanying grace*) is one way we draw closer to God throughout our lives.

Understanding the reception of a sacrament is an integral part of your child's development through our Christian Formation programs. Because the Church feels so strongly about our Sacramental life, we are outlining the preparation process for **First Reconciliation**, **First Eucharist** and **Confirmation**. These processes are begun with the understanding that your child has been baptized in a Catholic (*or other Christian*) religion. If your child is **NOT baptized** or is delayed in their reception of a sacrament (*other than what is listed*) please see the back page for information on how we can work with your family.

Children who have completed the first year of formation (*typically while in First Grade*) enter their second year beginning preparation for the reception of two sacraments.

### \*First Reconciliation

Our fall semester prepares your child to receive Reconciliation (*Confession*) in his or her second year of formation.



### \*First Eucharist



Our spring semester of second year formation focuses on preparing your child to receive Jesus through the Eucharist. Preparation focuses on learning about the Real Presence of Christ as well as the actions and prayers we share during this special time.

\*Because the second year of formation covers a vast array of concepts it is ***vital*** that your child has the foundation from our first formative year. Children entering our program who are attending public school grades 1, 2 or 3 will be placed in the first year of formation during the present year, the second year of formation (and sacramental reception) the following year and then move to their appropriate public school grade for the third year.

## **\*Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is held in the spring of the candidate's Junior year of high school. Preparation for Confirmation is a two year program. Candidates must complete both years of Christian Formation classes **and** the requirements for both years in order to be Confirmed.

**Requirements** to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are as follows:

- Complete the Christian Formation program in Grades 1-9 OR attend a Catholic school in Grades 1-9
- Complete a two-year Confirmation Program with required attendance (see page 4) - for Catholic High School students, Junior year only
- Complete 8 Mass Reflections each year (see page 2)
- Attend a Communal Reconciliation Service each year (*Suspended for 2020-21*)
- Complete 15 service hours Junior year / 10 service hours Sophomore year (*more information about Service opportunities can be found on page 15*)
- Attend an all day retreat Sophomore year
- Attend an all day Confirmation retreat Junior year
- Write a letter to the Archbishop/Bishop presiding at the Confirmation Mass (*Junior year*)
- Complete a Confirmation interview (*Junior year*)



\* For Sophomores, all requirements must be completed by April 15, 2021.

\* For Juniors, all requirements must be completed by December 1, 2020 - except for the Retreat ~~and Reconciliation~~ which must be completed by March 1, 2021.

Junior year of high school tends to be an extremely busy year for most youth. Please encourage your child to start working on their service hours and Mass reflections for their Junior year during the summer months. Both service hours and Mass reflections may be turned in starting **July 1** for the upcoming year.

## **Sacraments at a Later Age (SALA)**

There are as many reasons as there are children as to why someone is not prepared to receive a Sacrament at the “usual age.” Each situation is unique — and we have experienced an increase in our students receiving Sacraments at a later age in recent years. We want to work with you to prepare your child to receive missing Sacraments. If your child is **past third grade** (*and Baptized*) or **over the age of seven** (*and not Baptized*), we have a program to assist in preparation.

### **Baptized—Grade Four and Higher**

Students entering Fourth Grade or higher (*and Baptized*) will be placed in their appropriate level formation year and spend that year learning along with their peers. During the second year of formation, students will continue the classroom instruction and additionally, meet with our Pastoral Associate outside of classroom time for small group study focused on the sacraments needed.

### **Not Baptized—Age Seven or Higher**

Students who have reached the *Age of Reason* (*age seven*) and are not Baptized will follow a similar two year process. During the first year of your child’s formation, he or she will attend classroom instruction with peers. During the second year of formation, in addition to grade level classroom instruction, preparation for full initiation into the Church will be completed. **Full initiation (*reception of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation*) will take place at the Easter Vigil—held Holy Saturday evening. Please plan accordingly.**

**Students with missing Sacramental preparation are expected to complete the appropriate program within the first two years of enrollment in our Christian Formation programs in order to meet Athletic Eligibility Requirements.**

## COMPLETION OF REQUIREMENTS AND ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

### Annual Expections:

- ⇒ Required attendance **in class** (*classes can not be made up on the other day*) (*Fall session for 2020-21 will be virtual / online; Spring session TBD*)
- ⇒ Level appropriate Prayer Experience attendance (Grades 1-6) – see page 8
- ⇒ Reconciliation Service attendance (Grades \*4– 11) – **Suspended for 2020-21**
- ⇒ Completion 8 Mass Reflections (Grades \*4– 11)
- ⇒ Required Hours of Service (Grades 7– 11) – see page 15 for specifics
- ⇒ Grade level Enrichment fulfilled (Grades \*4- 9 needs 1 with a parent) – see pages 8 (Grades 4-6) & 10 (Grades 7-9)
- ⇒ Acceptable Behavior - If a student reaches a third offense (see page 5), their participation in Athletics will be **suspended**.

### SACRAMENTAL RECEPTION

An important part of your child's formation experience includes preparation to receive Sacraments. **When a child is not fully prepared through attendance / participation in class and completion of the requirements, his or her readiness to receive the Sacraments will be reviewed and potentially delayed.** Discussion with Director(s), Pastor, and parents along with your child, will determine what additional instruction and formation needs to be completed.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN ST. LEONARD ATHLETICS PROGRAMS

Eligibility for students in grades 5 – 11 in the St. Leonard Youth Athletics require students to have **completed all requirements for the year prior to participation and to continue to fulfill the requirements for the year of participation.** *\*Please note, status in Grade FOUR affects eligibility for participation in Grade Five.*

#### ***Per Christian Formation eligibility standards***

*Students not enrolled in classes cannot be considered to have "Completed Requirements" for the current year and will not be eligible to participate in our sports programs in the following year.*

**All requirements** must be completed by **March 15, 2021** in order for any fourth through eleventh grade student to participate in the St. Leonard Sports Programs for the 2021 – 2022 year.

**Students MAY NOT leave class early or miss class due to a St. Leonard Athletics event/activity. Participation in the St. Leonard Athletics programs is a privilege for students who continue to complete all requirements in Christian Formation.**



## RECONCILIATION – **GR. 3-11 SUSPENDED FOR 2020-21**

In the Christian Formation Programs at St. Leonard Catholic Church, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is **annually celebrated** in grades two through eleven.

Annual celebration of Reconciliation (*forgiveness, mercy, repentance, confession*) encourages children and youth to **understand and experience** that *reconciling with God, with others, and with oneself* is central to the message of Jesus in the Gospels.

### Important Dates for 2020 - 2021

Grade 2: Prayer Service (**attendance required**) – *To Be Determined*  
10:00-11:15 am in Church. Individual reception of Sacrament available after service (*optional*).

~~Grades 3 -11: Sacrament of Reconciliation – Students will be **REQUIRED** to attend **ONE** of the Penance services listed below with the opportunity to receive the Sacrament.~~

#### Reconciliation Services

- Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm in Church (*Youth oriented*)
- Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm in Church (*Youth oriented*)
- December TBD - 7:00 pm in Church (*Parish oriented*  
**at St. Joseph, Big Bend**)
- Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm in Church (*Youth oriented*)
- Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm in Church (*Youth oriented*)
- March TBD - 6:30 pm in Church (*Youth oriented*)
- March TBD - 7:00 pm in Church (*Parish oriented*)



## HOME STUDY

**All students will be enrolled in Virtual classes in the Fall Semester. Spring Semester will be decided at a future date.**

Students benefit greatly from the classroom experience which cannot be duplicated at home. Families are encouraged to make the necessary accommodations for this. For the families who cannot attend classes due to a legitimate conflict, St. Leonard Christian Formation offers a Home Study alternative on an exception basis only.

**Home Study participants are required to meet with the coordinator. All completed materials are due according to the provided schedule. The completion of eight Mass Reflections by the final due date is required for students in Grades 3-9. Students have access to the audio-visual aides and / or craft projects by contacting the Christian Formation Office.**

### **Elementary (Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6)**

Families will be given a student textbook, a family home study guide (*for the parent*), and a schedule of due dates for the chapter reviews. **All** Home Study students are required to attend the appropriate **Prayer Experiences** (new in 2019-20), so please review the schedule when it is completed and plan accordingly. Students in grades 3 - 6 are also required to attend **one Reconciliation Service** (*Suspended for 2020-21*). Students in grades 4 - 6 are required to **complete one Family Enrichment** **\*\***. **Home Study is not available for second grade.**

If you have questions or would like additional information on our Home Study program for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 please contact Lisa Jachimiec at 262-679-0880.

### **Youth Ministry (Grades 7, 8, & 9)**

All Home Study participants are required to complete *one Enrichment with a parent*. Each student is also required to attend a Reconciliation Service (*Suspended for 2020-21*). All students are asked to participate in community service (*see page 15*). Service hours, attendance at a Reconciliation Service (*Suspended for 2020-21*), and completion of an Enrichment become part of the student record and are a component of "Eligibility" status. The service hours required for the following grades are:

**Gr. 7 – 2 Hours                      Grade 8 – 5 Hours                      Grade 9 – 10 Hours**

### **Confirmation (Grades 10 & 11)**

*Home Study is not available for the Confirmation program.*

If you have questions or would like additional information on our Home Study program for Grades 7, 8, and 9, please contact Bethanne Maus-Schaefer at: 262-679-0880.



**\*\* An Enrichment Offerings schedule will be mailed to parents in October and the most current schedule can be found online at [www.stleonards.org](http://www.stleonards.org). Click on the 'Enrichment Offerings' tab.**

## SERVICE HOURS

*“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10*

As Catholics, we are required to perform service to others. In children’s faith formation, we believe that having students complete service hours helps bring them closer to God.

All youth ministry students must complete hours of service.

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Grade 7 - 2 hrs.  | Grade 10 - 10 hrs. |
| Grade 8 - 5 hrs.  | Grade 11 - 15 hrs. |
| Grade 9 - 10 hrs. |                    |

*If you are a member of the organization that benefits from, or are under obligation to perform the activity, the work does not count toward this Christian Formation requirement.*

*Community service hours performed to satisfy a court order may not be used toward Christian Formation requirement.*

**ONLY SERVICE HOURS TURNED IN ON THE SERVICE HOUR SHEETS ARE RECORDED.** Service hour sheets are available on our website (*under the ‘Service Opportunities & Forms’ tab*). Completed Service Hour sheets should be emailed to: [stlchristianformation@yahoo.com](mailto:stlchristianformation@yahoo.com)

Service opportunities that are available through St. Leonard:

- ◇ Labor of Love (LOL) – ongoing
- ◇ World Series to Strike Out Hunger – *TBD*
- ◇ Souper Bowl of Caring – February
- ◇ Mission Trip – Summer
- ◇ VBS – Summer
- ◇ Family Enrichments / Veggie Tales - multiple times
- ◇ Church Decorating - multiple times
- ◇ Knights of Columbus activities - multiple times
- ◇ Sunday morning nursery/preschool during 9:00 am Mass - **SUSPENDED**
- ◇ **Additional opportunities are presented weekly during class time and will be listed on our website under the ‘Service Opportunities & Form’ tab.**



*“Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world” - Howard Zinn*

**SUNDAY MORNING PRESCHOOL**  
**(K3, K4, AND K5)**  
**SUSPENDED FOR 2020-21**

Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, we have suspended the Preschool/K5 in class program for the 2020 - 21 school year. We plan to return for in-class formation for preschool in the fall of 2021 so please watch for that information next summer!

In the meantime, join us for a weekly email series that will include: videos, coloring pages and activities, prayer and more, all tied to the Sunday readings. It's totally **FREE** to join!!! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CACA62DA7FF2-k3k4and>

Questions? Email [Lisa.jachimiec@stleonards.org](mailto:Lisa.jachimiec@stleonards.org) for more information. We look forward to seeing you in this new format!

The Religion Readiness Program is available to children who reach the age of three, four or five by September 1, 2020 and who are reasonably on the way to being potty-trained. Classes are held during the 9:00 AM Mass for scheduled weeks beginning in October and ending on Palm Sunday.

Our program themes include:

- ◇ God teaches me to love myself and others
- ◇ God's love created me and all people
- ◇ God cares for me and teaches me to care for others
- ◇ God's love is shown through stories of faith

Additionally, we gather together in large group to learn a different Bible story each month through the use of videos, live actors, activities, songs and crafts.

**CALENDAR OF CLASSES**

~~**Preschool: K3 / K4 / K5** (Meets during the Sunday 9:00 am Mass)~~

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <del>October 4, 11, 25 (<b>no class Oct. 18<sup>th</sup></b>)</del>                           | <del>January 17, 24, 31 (<b>no class Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup></b>)</del> |
| <del>November 1, 8, 15, 22</del>  | <del>February 7, 14, 21 (<b>no class Feb. 28<sup>th</sup></b>)</del>                      |
| <del>December 6, 13 (Nativity Party)</del>  | <del>March 7, 14, 21, 28 (*Resurrection party)</del>                                      |
| <del>(<b>no class Nov 29<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, &amp; 27<sup>th</sup></b>)</del> |   |

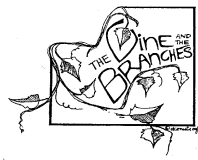
**LITTLE LEOS NURSERY PROGRAM - *SUSPENDED***

Do you have young children you bring to Mass each week? Our Little Leos Nursery program is for you!! Held during 9:00 am Mass, we offered a unique opportunity for children, ages six months through four years, to experience God at their level. Staffed by two adults and two youth, there are toys, games, videos and coloring with a connection to the Sunday readings. Little Leos is currently held most weekends of the year. Our new facility is near the restrooms in the Gathering Space and is totally free!!

For more information, or if you would be interested in volunteering in Little Leos, please contact Lisa Jachimiec in the Christian Formation Office: 262-679-0880.



**VINE & BRANCHES - *SUSPENDED***  
(For Persons with Special Needs)



**I AM THE VINE,  
YOU ARE THE BRANCHES  
ALL WHO LIVE IN ME AND I IN  
THEM WILL PRODUCE ABUNDANTLY  
FOR APART FROM ME  
YOU CAN DO NOTHING**

*(John 15:5)*

Jesus calls us all to live in Him, to realize our full potential as members of the Christian Community.

Vine and Branches Special Christian Formation Program answers that call by providing a program of Faith development and religious education to persons with disabilities.

Children (*ages 7 and up*) and adults who have any type of Special Needs are invited to join us.

Vine and Branches meets 16 times a year at St. Leonard Catholic Church, Muskego in the Youth Center Building. The member parishes of Vine and Branches are:

|                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| St. John the Evangelist, Greenfield | St. Matthias, Milwaukee |
| St. Joseph, Big Bend                | St. Stephen, Oak Creek  |
| St. Leonard, Muskego                |                         |

Member parishes pay a stipend therefore no individual tuition is charged. Students from other parishes are welcome.

*This program is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.*

For more information contact: Deacon Rick Wirch 414-233-3586

**Vine & Branches Calendar 2020-21**

Monday evenings, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, Youth Center Building

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| September 28 | February 1  |
| October 5    | February 8  |
| October 12   | February 15 |
| October 26   | February 22 |
| November 2   | March 8     |
| November 9   | March 15    |
| November 16  | March 22    |
| November 23  | March 29    |

**NOTE: No class on October 19 and March 1.**

## ENRICHMENT OFFERINGS (People of All Ages)

**SUSPENDED FOR 2020-21**

Parents are the primary instructors for their child(ren) in all aspects of life, including Christian Formation. Learning together is a wonderful way to share your faith with your child(ren) which is the most appropriate way to pass on the Catholic Tradition.



A variety of programs are offered through our Christian Formation Office. Different offerings will be available for all ages. Some enrichments may only be appropriate for certain age groups.

**Please note any dates that need a RSVP.** *An Enrichment Offerings schedule will be emailed to parents in October and the most current schedule can be found online at [www.stleonards.org](http://www.stleonards.org). Click on the 'Enrichment Offerings' tab.*

Enrichments may include movies, speakers, or activities. More offerings will be added during the year. **For the most up-to-date schedule** of Family Enrichments, watch your **Parent newsletters**, check our **Monthly Calendar** on the website or check the **Enrichment Offerings** tab at: [www.stleonards.org](http://www.stleonards.org).

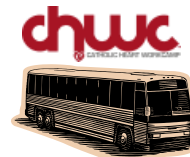
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## RELATED GROUPS TO CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**LABOR OF LOVE** - a youth/family service organization that provides service to residents in the Muskego area.

**CLAS** - Christian Learning and Spirituality is an advisory committee to the Christian Formation Department.

**MISSION TRIP** - An annual summer trip to another state for teens and adults to give an immersion experience with worship, prayer and a focus on community service. We work with Catholic Heart Workcamp.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)** – is our Summer Bible Adventure at St. Leonard Catholic Church. VBS is open to grades K4 - 5 for participants and grades 6 and up for service hour opportunities as assistants! A different theme each year offers fresh, new material as well as exciting activities. **VBS is scheduled for the week of June 14-18, 2021.**

## FUND RAISERS

#2SCRIP - **SCRIP is just like cash** – it's money you would spend anyway without costing anything extra. Check our website for a SCRIP order form with a complete listing of retailers



### MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS:

Stock Sale - \$10.00 per share. Profits to go to the group as a whole.

Wall O Money - Select an envelope with a dollar amount from \$1-\$200. Place that dollar amount in the envelope. (tentative)



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## CHRISTIAN LEARNING AND SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE (CLAS)

### *MISSION STATEMENT*

The purpose of catechesis (*Christian formation*) is to make a person's faith become living, conscious, and active through the light of instruction..."Catechesis is a lifelong process for the individual and a constant and concerted activity of the Christian Community". The Christian Learning and Spirituality committee seeks to carry out its above stated purpose through program design and instruction, support of the work of the directors, and fundraising.

### MEMBERS:

|                        |                        |                                |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Lisa Jachimiec         | Ann Newkirk            | Adult Formation Representative |
| Bridget Klawitter      | Parish Council Liaison | Men's Ministry Representative  |
| Bethanne Maus-Schaefer | Parent Representative  |                                |



**CHRISTIAN FORMATION  
WEBSITE**  
**stleonards.org**



In an attempt to stay current with today's technology, we are now maintaining our WEBSITE with up-to-date information. The current month calendar as well as the calendar for the next month can be found on the WEBSITE. On the left side of the screen under the **MAIN MENU**, select the '**CF Monthly Calendar**' tab.

**If you do not have access to the Internet, please call our office. We would be happy to continue to mail a paper copy of the calendar to you.**

Please take time to view the WEBSITE. It is a work in process. We welcome any suggestions or comments.

Some items on the WEBSITE:

**Elementary (Gr. 1 – 6)**

Schedule of Chapters  
Prayer Experience  
Elementary Newsletter

**Youth Ministry (Gr. 7 – 9)**

**Confirmation (Gr. 10 & 11)**

Class Topics  
Class Topics Registration  
Gr. 10 Retreat Forms  
Gr. 11 Retreat Forms  
Sponsor Sheet / Confirmation Name  
Student Workbook Checklist

**CF Monthly Calendar**

**Registration Forms**

**Class Schedules**

**Mass Reflection Forms**

**Service Opportunities & Form**

**Reconciliation Services - *SUSPENDED***

**Enrichment Offerings**

**Completion of Requirements and  
Athletics Eligibility**

**SCRIP order form**