



Grade 1 Faith Formation 2021-2022 Schedule

The program for children in first grade includes a variety of dynamic learning experiences to help them develop a personal relationship with God and to enhance their understanding of basic tenets of the Catholic faith and liturgical seasons and celebrations. This program is designed to fulfill the diocesan requirement of access to 30 hours of gathered and non-gathered formation per year.

1. **Monthly Formation Gatherings:** Using the Alive In Christ curriculum to lead children to a deeper relationship with God and a greater understanding of our faith through scripture, doctrine, prayer, and traditions. Gatherings are held in the worship space. Gathered formation, 1.5 hours per session. (Total of 12 hrs.)
2. **At Home Formation:** Each month you and your child will explore one unit and one liturgical topic in the Alive In Christ book to prepare for the next month's formation session. By completing this work at home your child can gain more from each topic presented at the formation gatherings. Go to aliveinchrist.osv.com/family, for at home lesson plans and activities. Non-gathered formation, 90 minutes per month. (Total of 10.5 hours)
3. **Vacation Bible School:** Held June 13-17, 2022. Fun and exciting learning experiences where children learn through story, song, snacks and play each day. Gathered formation, 3 hours per session. (Total 15 hours)

August 2021

Parent Orientation Pre-K through 5 Grade: Tuesday, August 24, 6:30 pm on Zoom. Distribute Alive In Christ books on August 28&29 following all Masses.

September 2021

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, read A New Year, pgs. 1-8, Mary's Birthday, pgs. 9-13. Complete for Sept. 12.

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Sept. 12**, 1:00-2:30 pm - Our formation community and Mary's Birthday.

October 2021

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 1 Revelation *and* All Saints Day pgs. 19-22. Complete for Oct. 10.

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Oct. 10**, 1:00-2:30pm – How we learn about God, Communion of Saints, pass out CCHASM Thanksgiving donation turkeys.

Dress like a saint for Mass the weekend of Oct. 30&31 to celebrate All Saints Day!

November 2021

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 2 Trinity. Complete for Nov. 7.

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Nov. 7**, 1:00-2:30 pm – How we learn about God/Advent. Return food items for CCHASM Thanksgiving meals

December 2021

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 3 Jesus Christ *and* Christmas pgs. 23-26. Complete for Dec 5.

ZOOM Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Dec. 5**, 1:00-2:30pm –The Holy Trinity is three persons in one God/ Christmas

January 2022

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 4 The Church. Complete for Jan. 9.

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Jan. 9**, 1:00-2:30pm – How Jesus' command to love God with all your heart leads us to pray and care for others

February 2022

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 5 Morality *and* Lent pg. 27-32. Complete for Feb. 6.

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Feb. 6**, 1:00-2:30pm –The Holy Spirit help us to live as holy people/Lent

March 2022

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 6 Sacraments *and* Holy Week & Easter, pgs. 33-40. Complete for March 6.

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **March 6**, 1:00-2:30pm – God gave us commandments to help us to love/Holy Week & Easter

April 2022

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 7 Kingdom of God, Pentecost pgs. 41-44. Complete for April 24.

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **April 24**, 1:00-2:30pm – We grow closer to Jesus through the Sacraments

May 2022

No Formation Gathering in May for children.

June 2022

Vacation Bible School: Monday-Friday **June 13-June 17, 2022**, 9am-12pm. Theme: to be determined. Registration available during May and June.

Online Homework

Once again, this year, the children will complete the chapter reviews through the Alive In Christ online resources. It was a huge success last year with 90% of the kids completing all their homework.

Each month you will receive an email from me with links to the chapter reviews. After you and your child have read each chapter, you'll click on the appropriate link to have your child do their e-assessment. On the first page, enter your child's first and last name. In the "CLASS" field, enter your child's grade. Then click "START" and the review questions will be presented one at a time. After you answer the last question and click on "NEXT", the review will automatically be sent to me.

If you lose the email with the links, you can still send the reviews to me. Visit the Alive In Christ home page; aliveinchrist.osv.com. Click on the green "Home and Family" tab on the menu bar, then below that, "Send e-assessment". You will have to create an account for yourself. When you're prompted for what email you'd like your results sent to, enter my email; carole.cox@saintgabriel.org. You can then choose the correct grade, unit and chapter. When the review is complete, it will automatically be sent to me.

On the same green Home and Family tab, there is a “Practice Review”. The questions in the review are the like the e-assessment, just presented in a different format. This is a great way for your child to see what they may need to re-read before completing the e-assessment.

Also, on the Home and Family tab is “Adult Learning”. Here are articles and videos to help foster a deeper understanding of our Catholic faith. The “Games” tab has engaging games, coloring and activities for the family.

The textbook is a wonderful resource for you! Spend time with your child reading the book and doing the chapter reviews. This is a great way to re-introduce yourself to the hows and whys of our Catholic religion. All the concepts are presented for children in easy-to-understand terms. With your mature perspective you’ll be able to come to a better understanding of things you may have missed, or never quite “got”. You’ll be surprised by how many AHA! moments you’ll have.