



Grades 2 and 3 Faith Formation 2021-2022 Schedule

The program for children in grades 2 and 3 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, 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, 2 hours per session. (Total of 16 hours)
- 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 22-June 26, 2020. 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 Formation Orientation All Grades: Tuesday, **Aug. 24**, 6:30 pm on Zoom.

Book Distribution: Immediately following all Masses **Aug. 28 & 29**.

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, read A New Year: Grade 2 & 3 – pgs. 1-8, *and* Grade 2 – All Saints and All Souls, pgs. 9-14; Grade 3 – Called to Be Saints, pgs. 15-18. Complete for Sept. 12.

September 2021

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Sept. 12**, 3:00-5:00pm – Our formation community, Communion of Saints.

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 1 Revelation *and* Advent: Grade 2 - pgs. 19-24; Grade 3 – pgs. 15-22. Complete for Oct. 10

October 2021

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Oct. 10**, 3:00-5:00pm – How we come to know God/Advent. distribute CCHASM Thanksgiving donation turkeys.

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

November 2021

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Nov. 7**, 3:00-5:00pm – God, Jesus and Holy Spirit; three Persons, one God/ Return food items for CCHASM Thanksgiving meals.

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 3 Jesus Christ *and* Trinity Christmas: Grade 2 - pgs. 25-30; Grade 3 – pgs. 23-28. Complete for Dec. 5.

December 2021

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Dec. 5 Zoom Class**, 2nd grade 3:00, 3rd grade 3:30pm – Jesus, teacher and Savior/Christmas.

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 4 The Church *and* Lent: Grade 2 – pgs. 31-36; Grade 3 – pgs. 29-34. Complete for Jan. 9.

January 2022

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Jan. 9**, 3:00-5:00pm –The Church is the mystical Body of Christ/Lent

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 5 Morality *and* Holy Week & Easter: Grade 2 – pgs. 37-46; Grade 3 – pgs. 35-44. Complete for Feb. 6.

February 2022

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Feb. 6**, 3:00-5:00pm – Choosing to love and welcome all.

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 6 Sacraments. Complete for March 6.

March 2022

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **March 6**, 3:00-5:00pm – We celebrate the Sacraments, Sacramental life through the Mass

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 7 Kingdom of God *and* Pentecost: Grade 2 - pgs. 47-50; Grade 3 - pgs. 45-50. Complete for April 24.

April 2022

Formation Gathering: Sunday, April 24, 3:00-5:00pm – We are part of the Kingdom of God/Pentecost

May 2022

No Formation Gathering in May

June 2022

Vacation Bible School – Monday-Friday, **June 22-June 26**, 9am-12pm. Theme: Rocky Railway, Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through. Registration available during May and June.

Note:

Sacramental Preparation is held in separate stand-alone sessions from ongoing Faith Formation and are supplemental to this faith formation.

See schedule for Sacramental Preparation for dates and times, along with how to register.

Children must be 7 years old by Oct. 1, 2021

Online Homework

Once again, this year we will have the children complete the chapter review homework through the Alive In Christ online resource. 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 review. 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 like those in 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.