



Grades 4 and 5 Faith Formation 2019-2020 Schedule

The program for children in grades 4 and 5 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, with a special focus on social justice teaching, 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 Commons. Gathered formation, 2 hours per session. (Total of 14 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 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. **Whole Community Catechesis:** Sundays, **Oct. 27, and March 15**, 2:00pm *or* 5:00pm. Parishioners of all ages enjoy a meal together, prayer, reflection, presentations, music and faith sharing to help build households of faith. (Total 4 hours)
4. **Parish Mission:** Sunday-Tuesday, **Feb. 2-4**, 7:00-8:00pm. Attend any one or every evening. (Total 1-3 hours)
5. **Retreat:** This one-day retreat will focus on social justice teaching and provide outreach opportunities in a fun, social atmosphere. Gathered formation, 4 hours.
6. **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 of 15 hours)
7. **Social Life Opportunities:** Not a part of Faith Formation, these events offer families a chance to meet in a fun social environment.

September 2019

Parent Orientation All Grades: Sunday, **Sept. 8**, 1-2pm Distribute Alive In Christ books. Sacramental preparation will be discussed 2-2:30pm

Social Life Opportunity: Sunday, **Sept. 29**, Feast of the Archangels, 11am Mass followed by parish social with activities for the kids, see bulletin for more details.

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, read A New Year: Grade 4 & 5 – pgs. 1-8; Grade 4, Sorrowful Mother, pgs. 9-14, Grade 5, Queen of the Rosary, pgs. 9-14. Complete for October 13.

October 2019

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Oct. 13**, 3:00-5:00pm – Our formation community/our Mother Mary, pass out CCHASM Thanksgiving donation turkeys.

Social Life Late Nite Out: Grades 4 & 5 only, Friday, **Oct 25**, 7-11pm Parents needed to chaperone!

Whole Community Catechesis Gathering: Sunday, **Oct.27**, 2:00pm *or* 5:00pm

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 1 Revelation; Advent: Grade 4, pgs. 15-20; Grade 5 – pgs. 15-18; *and* Rights and Responsibility of the Human Person, Grades 4 & 5 pgs. 294-295. Complete for Nov 10.

November 2019

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Nov. 10**, 3:00-5:00pm – How we know God and His Covenant/ Advent/Rights and Responsibilities of the Human person. Return food items for CCHASM Thanksgiving meals.

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 2 Trinity; Christmas, Grade 4- pgs. 21-24, Grade 5– pgs. 19-24; *and* Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Grades 4 & 5 – pgs. 290-291. Complete for Dec. 15.

December 2019

Social Life Opportunities: Friday, **Dec. 13**, Christmas Fiesta; prayer, Nativity, food, fellowship, and fun! 7-9pm

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Dec. 15**, 3:00-5:00pm – The Trinity as an example of unity with all people/ Christmas/Life and Dignity of the Human Person.

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 3 Jesus Christ, and Options for the Poor and Vulnerable: Grades 4 & 5 pgs. 296-297. Complete for Jan. 12.

January 2020

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Jan. 12**, 3:00-5:00pm –Jesus; Divine Teacher/Options for the Poor and Vulnerable

Social Life Late Nite Out: Grades 4 & 5 only, Friday, **Jan. 24**, 7-11pm Parents needed to chaperone!

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 4 The Church; and Lent: Grade 4 - pgs. 25-30, Grade 5 pgs. 25-28; Call to Family, Community, and Participation: Grades 4 & 5 pgs. 292-293. Complete for Feb. 8.

February 2020

Parish Mission: Sunday-Tuesday, **Feb. 2-4**, 7:00-8:00pm. Attend just one or every evening.

Formation Gathering: Saturday, Feb. 8, 9:00am-1:00pm – Meet at church for a Social Justice retreat. This is the February formation gathering, attendance is required. No Sunday gathering this month.

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 5 Morality; Triduum and Easter: Grade 4 - pgs. 31-42, Grade 5 – pgs. 29-38; Solidarity of the Human Family, pg. 300-301. Complete for March 8.

March 2020

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **March 8**, 3:00-5:00pm - How we live according to God's truth/Solidarity of the Human Family

Whole Community Catechesis: Sunday, **March 15**, 3:00-5:00pm – How we live according to God's truth/Solidarity of the Human Family

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 6 Sacraments; Care for God's Creation: Grade 4 & 5 pgs. 302-303. Complete for April 19.

April 2020

Social Life Opportunity: Saturday, **April 11**, 12pm, Easter Basket Blessing and Easter Egg Hunt

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **April 19** 3:00-5:00pm – How Jesus lives on in the Sacraments/Care for God's Creation

At Home Formation: Alive In Christ book, Unit 7 Kingdom of God; Ascension: Grade 4- pgs. 43-46, Grade 5- pgs. 39-44; Pentecost: Grade 4- pgs. 47-48, Grade 5- pgs. 45-50; Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers: Grade 4 & 5 pg. 298-299. Complete for May 3.

May 2020

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **May 3**, 3:00-5:00pm – How our life on Earth prepares us for eternal life/Ascension and Pentecost/Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers.

Social Life Opportunity: Sunday, **May 17**, Parish Picnic following 11am Mass.

June 2020

Vacation Bible School – Monday-Friday **June 22-June 26, 2020**, 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.

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; roni.pfrang@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 similar to 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 text book 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.