

Corpus Christi Parish 2021-2022 Homeschool Faith Formation Program

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Thank you for choosing to enroll your child in our Homeschool Faith Formation Program at Corpus Christi Parish. Each month, students will be assigned online chapters, along with supplemental materials, that are to be completed by the end of the assigned month.

Occasionally, Mrs. Hand will also facilitate Zoom meetings for Sacramental preparation, special lessons, etc. Families will receive an email containing additional instructions once registered for Homeschool Faith Formation.

*The **Kindergarten students** will continue using textbooks, with their completed assignments emailed to Mrs. Hand (homeschool@corpuschristipgh.org)*

PARENTAL EXPECTATIONS

- Parents and students are expected to attend Mass weekly.
- Parental support is an essential element of our Homeschool Faith Formation Program. Parents should be the primary teacher of each lesson, guiding their child(ren) through each lesson.
- Parents should see that each month's scheduled lessons are submitted by the end of that scheduled month.
- Parents are **required to attend all sacramental parent meetings.** Sacramental meetings will be held during the Faith Formation sessions at the Holy Child site. Homeschool families can choose which session to attend.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:

- Students are to follow and complete the schedule for each month.
- All assignments for each month are to be submitted by the end of that scheduled month. **There are no "make up" lessons as the students have the entire month to complete their assignments.**
- Students must read each page (or for the younger students, the prompt will read the lesson for the children) and complete all the work (including the games, pretest, and post tests.)
- Students must receive an 80% or higher on ALL POST TESTS. If scores are lower than 80%, students must retake the post test. They may retake it as many times as necessary to receive an 80% score.
- Students must attend all sacramental meetings (either in person or Zoom.)
- Middle School Youth group for grades 7 and 8 meet the first Sunday of the month and are held during the normal Faith Formation sessions. Homeschool students have the option to choose which session to attend. **Students in grade 7 are highly encouraged to attend. 8th grade students are required to attend ALL Middle School Youth group meetings.**

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Corpus Christi Faith Formation follows Diocesan guidelines for sacrament prep. Students entering second grade will be receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time while students entering 8th grade will be receiving Confirmation. These sacraments will be received in the Spring of 2023 at dates that will be determined.

Our sacramental preparation is incorporated with their regular Faith Formation classes. Our attendance policy for sacramental years is as follows:

- **Homeschool students:** All assignments must be completed online or emailed by the end of the month assigned. **Students must complete all outstanding work prior to receiving their sacraments.**
- **ALL 8TH GRADE STUDENTS (including homeschool students) are required to attend Middle School Youth Group sessions.**
 - Middle School Youth Group takes place the first Sunday of the month during both the AM and PM sessions of CCD at the Holy Child site.
 - Homeschool 8th grade students have the option to choose to attend either the AM session or the PM session.

In addition to excellent attendance in class or submitting assignments on time, students in 2nd and 8th are required to:

- **Provide a valid baptismal certificate to the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible.**
- Students are required to have **TWO YEARS of instruction** prior to receiving a sacrament.
 - For **First Reconciliation and First Communion** – students are required to have completed grades 1 and 2 of religious instruction either in in class, homeschooled or Catholic school.
 - For **Confirmation** - students are required to have completed grades 7 and 8th of religious instruction either in in class, homeschool or Catholic School
 - **If transferring from a different parish or school program into grade 2 or 8, written proof must be provided of grade 1 or grade 7 completion from previous program. Please contact your previous program to obtain this.**

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- **Sacrament prep instruction will in their regular Faith Formation session**
 - **Students are expected to complete all Diocesan requirements before they can receive a sacrament.**
 - **For Reconciliation and First Communion:**
 - Complete religious instruction for grade 1 and grade 2
 - Complete requested assignments provided by catechist or assigned for Homeschool prior to receiving Sacrament
 - Attend Sacramental Parent meeting
 - Know grade specific prayers
 - Attend sacramental retreat or extra Sacramental prep classes or zoom meetings
 - **For Confirmation:**
 - Complete religious instruction and Confirmation prep for grade 7 and 8
 - Attend Sacramental Parent meeting
 - Attend Middle School Youth Group Nights
 - Complete 8 hours of Community Service
 - Choose a Confirmation name and provide a written report
 - Obtain a Confirmation Sponsor and a valid sponsor verification form and complete the Sponsor interview
 - Write Letter of Intention for Confirmation
 - Attend a Confirmation Retreat
 - Attend Confirmation Rehearsal

If, at any time, you have any questions or concerns on the Homeschool lessons, please contact Mrs. Hand at 412-221-5213, ext. 4220, or email homeschool@corpuschristipgh.org.

May God bless you as we continue on our journey of faith.