

New CCD Program

Grades 1 – 5

2020 - 2021

Due to Covid-19, we have decided to change our entire CCD program for grades 1-5.

There are 3 ways to have CCD. Face-to-face, online or hybrid. We have chosen hybrid. This means we will use both face-to-face and online teaching. If state regulations change and we must completely shut down, the transition to all online will be very simple for us. If things open up and restrictions loosen, we will stick with our hybrid system. It is simply too difficult to ask people to completely change their schedules mid-year.

Will we still do all our other activities? Unfortunately, we will need to cut many extra activities, such as our Advent service, Adoration, altar server training and Stations of the Cross. However, we will still go to confession and have Touching Safety 2 times a year.

CCD will no longer meet weekly, but once a month. We feel it is still very important for the children to have community with their teachers and other Catholic students. However, for a number of reasons, it is much safer for those interactions to be limited to once a month.

CCD will no longer meet on Monday nights, but on Sunday afternoons. Grades 1 - 5 will meet from 1:15 – 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. We will meet from September through April. There will be no CCD in December, giving us 7 classes for the year. Sunday classes will give the janitorial staff plenty of time to sanitize the building over the weekend before we have CCD, rather than trying to get it cleaned in the few hours between the end of the school day and the beginning of CCD on a Monday evening.

Will grades 1 – 5 meet on the same Sundays as the students in grades 6 – 8? Except for our first class on Sunday, September 27th, they will meet on different Sundays. This was decided for many reasons. Several teachers teach both a younger and older grade and cannot be 2 places at once. Also, it is a better choice for Touching Safety and Covid-19.

CCD Schedules—Please go to stmonicachurchkzoo.com and click the CCD tab to print a copy of our CCD schedule. Students will receive a Parent Packet the first day of CCD.

How will we learn all our material in 7 classes? We will use an online company called, My Catholic Faith Delivered (MCFD). This company has put our entire CCD program online using our *Faith and Life* books from Ignatius Press. In our face-to-face monthly classes, we will learn 1-2 chapters with our teachers and classmates. Then on our weeks off, we will complete 3-5 chapters online with MCFD.

How do we sign up for My Catholic Faith Delivered? Once we receive your CCD registration forms, Anne Fackler will sign you up for MCFD. After you attend the first CCD class on Sunday, September 27th, we will put you in the system. On Wednesday, September 30th, everyone will receive an email with instructions and a personal password. Please be sure to give us a good and legible email address on your CCD registration form.

Will my student like MCFD? Absolutely. This online system is extremely well done and engaging for the students. They have exciting videos and a simple testing system.

What if we get behind online? It is very important for your student to keep up online. Otherwise, they will be confused when their class meets in person once a month. Every teacher will have online access to their students' progress. If your child gets behind, they will receive encouragement and a friendly reminder via email from their teacher.

Will we still use our Textbooks? No. We did not think it safe or cost efficient to use the books this year. When the students attend class, the teachers will instruct them from their books and use photocopied handouts for activities. For safety reasons, each student is asked to bring their own pencil.