

Confirmation CCD Program

Grades 6 - 8

2020 - 2021

Our current 6 – 8 Confirmation program—8th Grade students are confirmed in the spring each year. For Confirmation preparation, we use the *Chosen Program* from Ascension Press. This innovative and engaging system uses outstanding videos and a workbook to teach students. Each session the students watch 3 videos, have class discussion and fill in their workbooks. Students use the same text/workbook for all three years. Every year the students complete 8 lessons, for a total of 24 sessions over three years. This means there are only 8 CCD classes a year.

Class Schedule—Students meet approximately once a month on Sunday afternoons from 1:15 – 3:15 p.m. A complete schedule can be found at stmonicachurchkzoo.com by clicking the CCD tab. This schedule will include 2 make-up sessions for those with absences. Parent packs will be handed out on the first day of class.

Parent Involvement—For our 6 – 8 grade CCD program, **parents are required to participate** for approximately 30 minutes each session. Each time your student attends class, parents are asked to come back early at 2:50 p.m. Parents then watch the same videos their students viewed and read 2–4 pages from the parent guide. The Parent Guide gives parents a conversation starter. It is our hope that parents and students can then have a meaningful Confirmation discussion on the drive home. **On Sunday, October 11th only, the 6th grade parents will meet at 2:15 p.m. for some introductory material.**

Has Covid-19 changed this? Yes, in three ways.

1. Since we had to end CCD early last year, we are going to make-up one of those missed lessons for both 7th and 8th grade this year. 7th and 8th grade students will meet 9 times this year, only. That is why 7th and 8th grade students will have class on September 27th and the 6th grade will not begin until October 11th.

Please Note: No parents should attend on September 27th, but begin on October 11th.

2. We will use all the Covid-19 safety policies suggested by the diocese. These policies are included in this mailing on a separate sheet.

3. Since we meet roughly once a month, it is our hope to continue our regular face-to-face CCD classes. If however, the diocese or state mandates a shutdown, we are fully prepared to move our Confirmation preparation to strictly online. Ascension Press will assist us in this process.

30 Minutes of class--Because we now teach Confirmation to our 6th graders they no longer get the 6th grade curriculum taught from our Faith and Life series. Each week, our 6 - 8 grade students have 30 minutes set aside for other activities. We use these 30 minutes to accomplish three things: teaching that missed 6th grade material, going to confession and teaching Touching Safety.

Grades 1 -5 now on Sundays, too—Because of Covid-19, we have moved grade 1 - 5 CCD to Sundays, as well. This will help the school to have plenty of time to sanitize the school for our use. In addition, to keep students safer, they are meeting just once a month rather than every week.

Will grades 1 – 5 meet on the same Sundays as the students in grades 6 – 8? Except for our first class on 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 two places at once. Also, it is a better choice for both Touching Safety and Covid-19.

What if we miss class? As we meet only 8 (9) times a year, missing a class gets you very behind. Therefore, each student is limited to one absence per year. To help make this possible, we will have two make-up sessions for those with absences. These make-up sessions will occur in December and March.

8th Grade Confirmation Paperwork—If you have an 8th grader, your student will be confirmed in April or May of 2021. You will have to complete a paperwork packet and attend a retreat. Once you register for CCD, 8th grade parents will receive all those details in via email.