

St. Pius X Parish  
Faith Formation  
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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Welcome to St. Pius X Faith Formation classes for the 2020-2021 school year!

St. Pius X Faith Formation has reopened for 2020-2021 School Year under the **Archdiocese's Modified In-person/Hybrid** guidelines! Within the modified in-person model, St. Pius X Faith Formation will be separated into three separate cohorts that will be meeting in-person at the school building once a month starting in November with safety, sanitization, capacity, and distancing requirements set forth by the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Archdiocese follows all guidelines set forth by the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health. The parish hall will be thoroughly sanitized with a CDC approved sanitizer both before and after all class cohorts.

Please note that at any time, if we are restricted from holding in-person classes due to COVID restrictions (increasing positivity rate, increase of cases, etc.) from the State of Illinois, or the Archdiocese of Chicago, the program would move to a remote/at-home catechesis model.

The St. Pius X Faith Formation program will be split into three cohorts for the in-person portion, to allow for reduced capacity during class time.

For the in-person cohorts, our first classes will consist of Grades 1 through 5. The second cohort will consist of Grades 6, 7, and 8. The lower grades will meet on one Saturday morning during the month. Grades 6, 7, and 8 will meet one Tuesday night during the month. Class hours on Saturday morning from 9:00am until 10:15am. Class hours on Tuesday evenings will from 7:00pm until 8:15pm.

Some Catechists will require school supplies for the in-person classes. The list will be given out by each individual Catechist. Students must not share these supplies.

For the once a month in person classes, **ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING CHILDREN** are required to wear masks for the duration of the session. Parents should check their **children's temperature BEFORE coming to classes**. If a child is not feeling well, please **DO NOT** bring them to the in-person classes. Upon entry, all students will have their temperature taken and be required to use the provided hand sanitizer. Attendance will be taken at this time. Students will then be directed to the parish hall.

Parents will not be allowed to take their students into the parish hall. If the weather is appropriate for outdoor instruction, catechists are encouraged to hold classes outdoors. Hand sanitizer will be available in the parish hall, sharing of supplies will be

discouraged, and parish hall will be laid out to allow for the appropriate 6 feet of physical distancing between students.

The drinking water fountain will not be available for student use for sanitary reasons. Students are encouraged to bring their own water. Class time washroom breaks will not be allowed; however, students will be allowed to use the washroom for emergency use only to discourage gathering in the hallway.

Classes end promptly at 10:15am and 8:15pm respectively. Parents / guardians are to wait by their cars for the students. You make park on the southside of 43<sup>rd</sup> Street. Parents/guardians will be allowed to gather near the doorway, maintaining a social distance of 6 feet from one another, and will not be allowed to wait inside of the narthex for their children. Students will be released by class level with the youngest being released first to alleviate excess gathering in the parish hall and narthex. PLEASE BE PROMPT IN PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN!

The Faith Formation Classes is for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8. High School students preparing for Confirmation will attend Faith Formation classes online as well. Kindergarten students must have reached their fifth birthday on/before September 1, 2020.

FAITH FORMATION tuition and fees for the 2020-2021 school year will be:  
\$140.00 for each student registered (Families Registered at St. Pius X)  
\$200.00 for non-registered families of St. Pius X.

\$50.00 First Communion 2021 fee due March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
\$100.00 Confirmation 2022 fee due November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Tuitions and Fees can be paid in installments. Please bring (minimally) a deposit of 50% of the tuition per student toward the full tuition at the time of registration. Payment of Faith Formation tuition and/or Sacrament Classes fees can be made by personal check, money order or cash. If your family is experiencing financial difficulties currently, please speak with the Coordinator of Faith Formation. Arrangements can be made and please register your child (ren) – your child's **formal** Faith Formation is important!

A CALENDAR IS INCLUDED WITH THIS LETTER.

Registration will be in the Faith Formation office BY APPOINTMENT ONLY! Please call or email in advance to make an appointment to register your child (ren).

If you are registering a new student, please bring his/her birth AND Baptismal certificates, and completed registration form and any other Sacrament certificates (if available). **These will be photocopied for the child's permanent file.**

If you are re-registering a student, please bring the completed registration form, and other Sacrament certificates (if available).

If you are NOT a registered family, please fill out the Parish Registration Form at time of registration.

SACRAMENTAL CLASSES POLICY: Any student wishing to receive a sacrament (e.g. Baptism, First Eucharist, First Reconciliation, Confirmation), MUST be enrolled and ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE in a Faith Formation Classes for two consecutive years prior to the reception of First Holy Communion and two consecutive years prior to the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation.

This means a child must have attended both first and second grade of Faith Formation before the reception of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in the spring of second grade.

For the reception of Confirmation, the student must have attended minimally, seventh and eighth grades of Faith Formation and taken an active role in the preparation for Confirmation.

Thank you and God Bless!

Patrick Koren  
Coordinator of Faith Formation

Faith Formation 2020-2021		St. Pius X Parish Class Schedule Year		UPDATED: Nov. 16, 2020 IN PERSON CLASSES	
Month	Formation Calendar Sat. Tue. Date		Saturday		Tuesday
October	24 / 27 31 / 3	Classes in Session Classes in Session			
November	7 / 10 14 / 17 21 / 24 28 / 1	Classes in Session Classes in Session Classes in Session NO RE CLASSES	K, 1, 2 3, 4, 5		6, 7, 8
December	5 / 8 12 / 15 19 / 22 26 / 29	Classes in Session Classes in Session Classes in Session NO RE CLASSES		Happy Thanksgiving	
January	2 / 5 9 / 12 16 / 19 23 / 26	Classes in Session Classes in Session Classes in Session Classes in Session		Merry Christmas Happy New Year	
February	6 / 9 13 / 16 20 / 23 27 / 2	Classes in Session Classes in Session Classes in Session Classes in Session	1, 2, 3, 4, 5		6, 7, 8
March	6 / 9 13 / 16 20 / 23 27 / 30	Classes in Session Classes in Session Classes in Session Classes in Session			6, 7, 8
April	3 / 6 10 / 13 17 / 20 24 / 27	Classes in Session Classes in Session Classes in Session NO RE CLASSES		HAPPY EASTER	
May	1 / 4 8 / 11 15 / 18	Classes in Session Classes in Session Classes in Session	1, 2, 3, 4, 5		6, 7, 8

## PRAYER PROGRAM

It is our belief that memorized formal prayer is a necessary part of faith development. The basic prayers of our Catholic Christian heritage are taught and prayed at home long before the children enter a formal Faith Formation program. However, within the context of our Faith Formation cohorts we review these prayers and add a few that the family may not have taught the children. For these prayers to be learned, memorization is fostered and encouraged. Within our cohorts we take time to pray the formal prayers of the church and expect that families will take time to pray them with their children at home--perhaps before meals or at bedtime.

**Below is a listing of the prayers that the children/teens are expected to "learn by heart" and be ready to pray aloud when invited to do so.** Each year builds on the previous ones, so the prayer repertoire increases each year. Confirmation candidates are responsible for knowing these prayers and being able to write them out correctly.

Kindergarten	the Sign of the Cross	the Glory Be
Grade 1	All of the above prayers plus the following	
	The Lord's Prayer	the Hail Mary
	The Ten Commandments	
Grade 2	All of the above prayers plus the following	
	Act of Contrition	Lord Have Mercy
	Alleluia	Holy, Holy, Holy
	Lamb of God	Lord I Am Not Worthy
Grade 3	All of the above prayers plus the following	
	Grace Before and After Meals	Morning Offering
	The Stations of the Cross	
Grade 4	All of the above prayers plus the following	
	Prayer to the Holy Spirit	Hail, Holy Queen
	Mysteries of the Rosary	the Beatitudes
Grade 5	All of the above prayers plus the following	
	The Apostles' Creed (Profession of Faith)	
Grade 6	All of the above prayers plus the following	
	Gloria (Prayer of Praise used at Mass)	Memorare
Grade 7 & 8	All of the above prayers plus the following	
	Nicene Creed (Profession of Faith used at Mass)	

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<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b> Date of Registration: _____ New ____ Returning ____  Registered Children: _____ GRADE(S) _____ SACRAMENT _____ SACRAMENT _____
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REGISTRATION FORM 2020 - 2021

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ City of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name/City of Public School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in September of 2020: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

**Mother's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST MIDDLE LAST MAIDEN

Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cellular Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

**Only if different from child's address:**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cellular Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

**Only if different from child's address:**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any special needs, e.g. medication, allergies?

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Is your child enrolled in special education classes? Have a learning disability or physical handicap? If yes, please explain.

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Are there any special family circumstances that we should know, e.g. parents are divorced / separated, the child lives with someone other than the natural parent? (Please see policies for further information.)

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**IF YOU** cannot be reached in an emergency, whom can we contact?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Phone Number **INCLUDING** area code

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

### **SACRAMENT INFORMATION**

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**Baptism:** Name of Church/City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of certificate must be on file in the Faith Formation Office

Certificate not needed if child was baptized at St. Pius X.

**First Reconciliation:** Name of Church/City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**First Eucharist:** Name of Church/City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmation:** Name of Church/City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_