

Who we are

St. Christopher Religious Education

guides parents and guardians
in leading their children to a loving encounter
with Jesus Christ. Our curriculum integrates liturgy,
prayer, church traditions, service, and study
to prepare the next generation of active participants
and leaders of Catholic Church.

Contact Us

Please call in advance for an in-person appointment.

Office hours vary.

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PROGRAM GUIDE

2020-2021

RE^{IGI}OUS
EDUCA^{TION}

St. Christopher RE
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Welcome!

The **St. Christopher Religious Education Program** is designed to foster the faith life of each child. We are here to assist parent/guardians who are the primary religious educators of their children. We will provide opportunities for each person to experience the love of Jesus Christ.

Our Staff

Rev. Krzysztof Paluch Pastor

Bernadine Smierciak Director of Religious Education

Brenna Baker Administrative Assistant

In conjunction with the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Lifelong Formation, St. Christopher Parish and Religious Education has evaluated multiple plans for re-opening safely for the 2020/2021 formation year.

During this time of great uncertainty and the need to remain fluid in any plan set forth, we will be adopting a hybrid model of Family Faith Formation for the 2020-2021 year.

While things may look “different” this year our goal remains the same.

St. Christopher Religious Education is committed to partnering with families in guiding parents to confidently witness to their children their own relationships with Jesus Christ and understand our beautiful Catholic faith.

We thank all of our catechists and families who have contacted us and given their opinions regarding the planning of this faith formation year.

Behavior Contract

Parents and students will be required to review this handbook each year and sign a behavior contract stating they have read and understand the guidelines set for the by the St. Christopher Religious Education Staff.

In-Person Classes

It is our goal to host one in-person class each month. Classes will be held in Unit D and limited to 4 classes at a time.

Families may opt out of in-person classes if they are not comfortable with meeting in person at this time.

- Students must wear a mask at all times while in the building.
- Bathrooms will be used for emergencies only. Please have children use the restroom at home prior to class.
- Please have your child only bring what they need for class to limit the spread of germs.

Prior to Arrival

- If your child or any family member is sick, stay home!
- Please take your child’s temperature before you leave the house. If it is 100.4 or above, stay home.

Arrival

- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of your class time.
- Cars will enter via Karlov Avenue, drive west and line up by the orange parking cones in front of Unit D (door 210)
- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE
- Please place identification placard on your dashboard on the passenger side of your vehicle so we can identify your students and the classroom they will be going to.
- A Health & Safety Monitor will come to your vehicle, take your child’s temperature and ask a health questions.
- Hall Monitor will escort your child from the car directly to their classroom.
- Exit via Keeler Avenue.

Departure

- Please follow the same line up procedure as for arrival.

Calendar

A full calendar of class dates, and other important events will be handed out on packet pick-up day,

SEPTEMBER 22 (packet pick-up), 29 (meet the catechist night)

OCTOBER 6, 13, 20, 27

NOVEMBER 3, 10, 24

DECEMBER 1, 8, 15

JANUARY NO CLASSES

The month of January will be used to re-evaluate and plan for next semester.

FIRST RECONCILIATION TBD

FIRST COMMUNION Saturday, May 1, 2021 12:30 PM

CONFIRMATION Friday, April 23, 2021 6:30 PM

“Find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world”. ~ *Pope Francis*

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the religious education program
Helpers are needed on all class nights
both virtually and in-person as Hall Monitors, Classroom Aides, Office Assistants, classroom Cleaners, and even Catechists.
All volunteers will receive a tuition credit.
Please call the office for details.

All Volunteers over the age of 18 must be VIRTUS trained

Class Times

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, all classes will meet VIRTUALLY on the first, second, and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month with the POSSIBILITY of one class per month meeting in-person (with masks and social distancing protocol in place), while the remaining classes will be conducted remotely using the Zoom platform.

*In the event one class per month is able to take place and you are not comfortable with your child attending, we will provide you with home resources for that class.

Hard copies and electronic copies of this year's curriculum will be made available to students and families each month.

In the event of a complete shutdown due to COVID-19, classes will still continue remotely and pick-up of any class materials will be arranged accordingly.

Grades 1-5

Meet virtually from 5 PM- 6 PM

Grades 6-8

Meet virtually from 6:30 – 7:30 PM

- In-person class times may vary due to enrollment and space constraints. Families will be notified once registration has closed.
- Virtual & Classroom Etiquette will be shared with families and students at the Meet the Catechist night

Enrollment

Faith Formation is ongoing our entire lives.

Our program is designed to equip families with knowledge of the pillars of the Catholic Faith for children in grades 1 to 8.

The Archdiocese requires students wishing to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation for at least 2 consecutive years.

***New and Returning families,
[click here](#) to register.***

New Students

- Please provide copies of birth, and sacramental certificates at the time of registration.
- Students grade 2 and above who have not been enrolled in a faith formation program will be placed in a special “catch-up” class to help ensure they have established a foundational understanding of the Catholic faith.
- Families will need to provide documentation of enrollment in a previous faith formation program prior to being placed in a class level at St. Christopher RE.

TUITION FOR 2020-2021

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| (1) | Child | \$220.00. |
| (2) | Children | \$335.00. |
| (3) | Children or more | \$440.00. |

Sacrament Fees:

Communion/Reconciliation: \$50.00

Confirmation: \$50.00

One-third of your tuition is due at the time of registration. One-third of your tuition will be due November 3, 2020. The final one-third payment is due by February 2, 2020.

If you are having financial difficulties please let us know. Please do not let this be a reason for not registering your children!

We may be able to assist you.

Online payments can be made [here](#). Please email a copy of your receipt to religoused@stchrisschool.org so we can apply your payment to your account. Payments can also be mailed or dropped it at the Parish Office.