

Region 2 Faith Formation--Grades K-5

FUSED 4 Youth Ministry—Grades 6-12

(Comprised of Christ the King, Our Lady Queen of Peace, St. Gertude's and St. James the Greater Parishes)

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You are receiving this letter because parish records indicate that you have a school age child who could be attending our Regional Faith Formation or Youth Ministry programs. Our region includes the parishes of Christ the King, Our Lady Queen of Peace, St. Gertrude's and St. James the Greater. All programs will be held virtually this semester. Our first Faith Formation, LIFETEEN and EDGE session will be held on Sunday, October 25th, 2020. Part of this session will be an orientation to our online format.

For the Fall 2020 semester schedule, children in K-5th grades will typically (with a few exceptions) meet via Zoom on the second and fourth Sunday evenings of the month for twenty minutes with their assigned catechist. The sessions will be spaced out so that parents can be engaged in the Zoom session with each of their children. Parents are expected to work with their child(ren) on assigned homework during the non-Zoom Parent Led week as well. Faith Formation would meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month except for December where they would meet the 1st/3rd Sunday of the month. Catechists will virtually communicate with you regarding your child(ren)'s homework for the non-Zoom Parent Led weeks. Each week your children will be learning about their faith no matter if we have a Virtual Session or Parent Led session. Students in grades K, 1, 3-5 will registered for a new online learning Catechetical program.

EDGE (6th-8th grades) and LIFETEEN (9th-12th grades) programs will meet weekly on Zoom on Sundays and follow a Youth Ministry format. EDGE (6th-8th grades) will meet from 6:00-7:00 PM and LIFETEEN (9th-12th grades) will meet from 7:15 PM-8:00 PM. You will be e-mailed a weekly take home notice which will describe the lesson covered, a thematic challenge for you to do as a family and announcements.

Confirmation preparations will be done during EDGE since our Confirmation program is a three-year comprehensive program. This is why it is critical that your child(ren) attend EDGE starting in 6th grade. Also, if your child is entering 1st grade, then they must enroll in Faith Formation in order to receive First Reconciliation/Communion (in 2nd grade). They must also have regular attendance during their 1st/2nd grade years. Please complete the First Communion registration form for those in second grade and the Confirmation registration form for those in the eighth grade. These forms are on the Christ the King website. This includes 2nd/8th grade students who are enrolled in Catholic school.

Please visit www.ckleechburg.org to access the following registration forms: Faith Formation (K-5th grades) Registration Form, FUSED4 Youth Ministry (6-12th grades) Registration form, Confirmation Registration Form (8th grade), First Communion Registration form (2nd grade) and the Virtual Learning Agreement (all). The completed Virtual Learning Agreement must be on file for every person aged 18 and under that will be participating in Formation/Youth Ministry including those in 12th grade. Fees for Faith Formation (K-5) will be processed online at the time of registration. Fee schedule can be found on the K-5 Registration form. There is no fee for Youth Ministry or Sacramental prep. You will receive the Early Bird discount because of the delay of our registration form. Please make arrangements to pickup your child's textbooks (K-8th grades) and if you cannot come to the St. Gertrude Parish Center we can drop it off to you.

We require that you register your child(ren) each year. Once your child(ren) is/are registered we will be e-mailing you a calendar, policies and links to the Zoom sessions etc. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for allowing us to work with you as a partner in the faith formation of your child. We are very excited for the youth and families of this area to unite to grow in our Catholic faith together! All are welcome!

God's blessings,

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