

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH SENECA, IL



ONLINE/AT-HOME CURRICULUM GUIDE

2020-2021

*Do you want to do a good deed? Teach the young!
Do you want to perform a holy act? Teach the young!
Do you want to do a holy thing? Teach the young!
Truly, now and for the future,
Among holy things, this is the holiest.
~ St. John Bosco*



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CCD PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Due to the guidelines in place regarding preventing the spread of COVID-19, we have decided not to meet in person for CCD classes this year. The spiritual growth of the children in our CCD Program is our highest calling and greatest concern. Every teacher in the program mourns the loss of time spent with your children encouraging their faith, answering their questions, and giving testimony to our own spiritual journeys.

In going over the materials we have used with each grade level, we believe we have put together a program for each that families can easily incorporate into their lives. It should take each student an hour or less (with the exception of Eighth Grade students) to complete their work each week – no more time than what was spent in CCD classes. The “turn in” dates listed for work allow for plenty of time for students to keep up with their lessons.

Tentative Dates:

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| September 1 | Families can access Curriculum Guide and Registration Materials on the Parish Web Site. Additional copies will be left at the rear of the church. |
| September 12/13 & 19/20 | Families drop off registration materials and pick up materials for all of their students after the 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses in the Parish Center. (We are ordering and preparing materials based on last year’s attendance.) All online access instructions will be provided at this time to those students who will need it. |

We hope, as the year progresses, to add some Children’s/Family Masses to the calendar, class meetings for those students preparing for sacraments (Second Grade and Eighth Grade), and other opportunities for our students to enjoy the sense of being part of a parish family that comes with being a part of the CCD program.

Contact Mrs. Doloski with any questions – 815 355 3272 – doloski5@gmail.com

First Grade through Fifth Grade

Text *We Believe* (each grade has its own text)
Supplemental Material Online Assessments through the Sadlier web site

We have used the Sadlier *We Believe* series in our CCD program for many years. Each chapter incorporates Bible stories, Church teachings, and modern-life examples and ideas.

Each book is divided into four units. Each unit consists of five chapters. Students will be required to take an assessment at the end of each unit. In this way, we can keep track of each student's participation in the program.

The chapters in each book on Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter are not part of the Unit tests, but are excellent family resources!

Unit Assessments will be due as follows:

Unit One (Chapters 1-5)	due by December 20, 2020
Unit Two (Chapters 6-10)	due by December 20, 2020
Unit Three (Chapters 7-15)	due by May 2, 2021
Unit Four (Chapters 16-20)	due by May 2, 2021

*Students in Second Grade will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Dates for the celebration/reception of these sacraments will be announced in the spring.

**Students must complete the First Grade program in order to be enrolled in Second Grade and prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. (Proof of attendance in another parish's CCD program for First Grade is also acceptable.)

***If online access is not possible, please request printed assessments.

Sixth Grade

Text	Ascension Press – Encounter (A Middle School Bible Study)
Supplemental Material	Ascension Press – Encounter – access to the online video content will be provided to every registered student
	Bible

The Encounter: Experiencing God in the Everyday is an eight-course Bible study geared toward students in Middle School.

Parents are encouraged to watch the videos with their students. Each session is 30 minutes long.

Completion of the workbook is necessary to show successful “attendance” in the CCD program for the 2020-2021 school year.

Completed workbooks can be turned in any time before May 2, 2021.

Seventh Grade (Confirmation Preparation – Year One)

Text	<i>One Faith, One Lord</i>
Supplemental Material	Worksheets (teacher created) Catechism of the Catholic Church (online or in print) Bible

There are 16 chapters in the *One Faith, One Lord* textbook. Each chapter has a corresponding worksheet. Students will complete the worksheets as they read through each chapter. Some answers will be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church or the Bible.

Students will be required to turn in 8 chapters by December 18, 2020 and the remaining 8 chapters by May 2, 2021.

Worksheets can be turned in to boxes at the rear of the church or by mail to Mrs. Doloski.

Students must successfully complete the Seventh Grade curriculum in order to move on to the Eighth Grade curriculum and be considered a candidate for Confirmation. No student can join the Year Two class unless he/she has completed the Year One class or has proof of attending a Seventh Grade class in another parish.

Eighth Grade (Confirmation Preparation – Year Two)

Text	Dynamic Catholic – Decision Point
Supplemental Material	Dynamic Catholic – Decision Point App Dynamic Catholic – Decision Point Videos via web site or YouTube – limited DVDs available to loan if necessary
Additional Assignments	Sponsor Choice/Declaration Saint Report Service Hours (optional but encouraged)
Class Meetings	If circumstances change, we will have limited class meetings in the spring for sacramental preparation. If permitted, we will also have an afternoon retreat prior to the Confirmation Mass.
Confirmation Mass	Spring 2021 – date/location to be announced

We use the Dynamic Catholic book/video series Decision Point as our Confirmation preparation.

Each session has a series of short videos followed by journaling exercises in the textbook. Due to the nature of the journaling exercises, students will not be asked to turn those in. Students (and their parents) will be trusted to honestly work through the curriculum.

There are twelve sessions. Each can be completed in 60-75 minutes with about 45 minutes of videos and time to journal.

Parents are strongly encouraged to watch the videos with their student or follow along via the app and discuss the lessons every week.

Students will need to discuss with their parents an appropriate choice of Confirmation Sponsor and return the Declaration of Sponsor form by November 8, 2020.

Students will need to choose a patron saint and complete a short research report by December 20, 2020.

In the past, service hours were a required component of Confirmation preparation. However, with public safety considerations, we understand this is not as easy of an assignment as in years past. We will still distribute the Service Hour tracking sheets, and we hope students are able to find some meaningful ways to complete at least some service hours.