



2021-2022 FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

Middle school students are walking the boundary between childhood and high school, they are exploring independence, and finding their own identity in their interests, friend groups, and faith. We strive to provide an environment where middle school students can have the space to talk about their questions and doubts, and a place and atmosphere where they can encounter the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for themselves.

• **6-7th Grade - WONDER:** God is bigger and better than we can possibly imagine. Even if we read every book on earth, we couldn't fully understand Him. But we can meet and know God in the Bible, nature, beautiful art, one another, and in the sacraments. So for 6-7th gr formation, we invite you to experience the wonder of God.

Here's a sneak peak:

- Weekly open gym/game/social time
- Unique experiences: stargazing, hikes, and visiting beautiful churches
- Hear first hand testimonies from monks, nuns, and one another
- Learn to pray with scripture, music, art and architecture

• **8th Grade - The Chosen:** The Chosen is the first TV series that walks through Jesus' ministry. Season one highlights how Jesus calls his first disciples and impacts their lives. As we go through this season we will compare the show to the scripture passages and our own experiences of being called by Jesus to a life of mission. Special emphasis will be placed on preparing students to be leaders in their schools and parishes.

MEETS SUNDAYS, 4:00-5:30PM AT ST. BERNARD

Sept. 26	Oct. 17	Nov. 14	Dec. 5	Jan. 30	Feb. 20	Mar. 13	Apr. 3	Apr. 24
Oct. 2/3*	Oct. 24	Nov. 21		Feb. 6	Feb. 27	Mar. 19: Opt. Retreat	Apr. 10	

* Oct. 2: 6-7th gr at Hoyt Park, Oct. 3: 8th gr at St. Bernard

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2021-2022 MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Start here!



STEP 1: ALPHA YOUTH

Alpha is a pre-requisite for Confirmation and Connect Groups. If you are new to our youth ministry program, or new to high school, start here.

Alpha is 8 sessions and 1 retreat, offered every fall and spring.

If you have not participated in Alpha, start here.



STEPS 2 & 5: CONNECT GROUPS

High school students who have completed Alpha are invited to join a connect small group. Connect groups are comprised of 4-8 students of the same grade and gender. Topics and format will vary from group to group. Groups are available for freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and special post-Confirmation senior groups!

Connect groups are highly encouraged but are not required for Confirmation.



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STEP 3: CONFIRMATION

Confirmation prep runs from April-November. Students who will be 16 by the November Confirmation date and have gone through Alpha are eligible. Candidates meet with their sponsor 6-8x throughout the summer on their own schedule, working through a Confirmation handbook.

Confused? Not sure where you fit? Contact Sarah Daszczuk
414-258-2604 x26 or at daszczuks@christkingparish.org



ALPHA YOUTH

Alpha is a pre-requisite for Confirmation and Connect Groups. If you did not participate in Alpha last year, start here.

Alpha is a series of interactive gatherings exploring big life questions and the basics of the Christian faith. Every Alpha gathering includes food, short videos, and small group discussion, where no question is too simple and no answer is prepackaged. Alpha is a place to talk about faith, to give voice to your opinions, beliefs, doubts, and convictions. It's a place to be accepted, yet challenged. This isn't a theology class or religious ed: it's a place to hear the Gospel message and respond. So, whether you've been taking theology classes for 11 years, or you're new to Christianity, this is for you!

FALL SESSION MEETS SUNDAYS, 6:30-8:00PM AT CHRIST KING

Sept. 8/9: Parent Session

Sept. 12

Sept. 19

Sept. 26

Oct. 10

Oct. 17

Oct. 24

Nov. 14

Nov. 21.

Dec. 11-12: Weekend Away

Alpha will also be offered in the spring. Schedule and registration for the spring session will be available in late November.

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HIGH SCHOOL CONNECT GROUPS

High school students who have completed Alpha are invited to join a connect small group.



Join a connect group this year! A place where you and 5-7 friends, along with a mentor, can explore faith, share questions, express doubts, and respond to the Gospel. Commit to a group, perfectly tailored for you, discuss how the Gospel can impact your life, and get connected to one another, Jesus Christ, and His Church.

- **SMALL GROUPS:** Students will be sorted into groups of 5-8 (same gender, same grade) and paired with an adult mentor. Long-term connect groups help us ensure that each student is heard, challenged, and has a community within our parish.
- **CONTENT:** The goal of connect groups is to give our students a place to ask questions, be challenged, and grow as disciples. Because we want this time to be utterly unique and relevant, each group will have a say in the topics and format of their time.

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Note: because we want these groups to fit each grouping of students and their unique needs, small groups will be given the option to meet on different nights/locations.

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HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

High school students who have completed Alpha are invited to discern receiving Confirmation in our Confirmation prep.

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Through Confirmation, Catholics receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit, completing the graces begun at Baptism. Confirmation is a sacrament of mission: giving us the grace, perseverance, and boldness to live a life with Christ and to proclaim the Gospel daily.

In order to be eligible for Confirmation in April 2021, students must:

- Be at least 16 years old by November 8, 2022.
- Have completed Alpha prior to April 2022.
- Desire to receive this gift; this is not a rite of passage, this is a grace-filled encounter.

Confirmation Expectations:

- Confirmation is a short period of preparation, held April-November. Over the course of these 6 months, candidates will go through an orientation with their sponsors, and then meet together an additional 6-8 times on their own schedule.
- Fill out an "Intent to Receive Confirmation" form by April 24 (online form available in spring).
- Schedule your orientation meeting with Sarah.
- Meet with your sponsor to go through 6 sessions. Additionally, complete one service experience and one prayer experience.

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**2021-2022 HIGH SCHOOL
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YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION

High school students who have completed Alpha are invited to discern receiving Confirmation in our Confirmation prep.

Registration "Ticket" Options:

Middle School - fall and spring (\$130)

Alpha Youth - fall only (\$130)

Connect Groups - fall and spring only (\$130)

Fall Alpha and Spring Connect Group (\$195)

PLEASE REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 5!

<https://www.triparishfaithformation.org/event-details/21-22-youth-ministry-registration>

We never want finances to be the reason that a child doesn't participate in our program.
If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Sam or Sarah.

Questions? Contact:

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