



Dear Parents and Guardians of Catholic students,

You are warmly invited to register your children for Marshfield Faith Formation, a collaboration of four parishes in the Marshfield Area. This program is for students in grades 1 through 10, created to help your children become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Grades 1-5 students participate in *Family Formation*. Children in grades 1-5 and a parent/guardian will meet one evening per month, typically on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. There is an optional meal, then 2nd grade students and a parent/guardian prepare together for First Reconciliation and First Communion. The rest of the parents/guardians will learn about the theme and materials, and take home their home lesson envelope to teach their children weekly lessons. Simultaneously, grades 1, 3, 4 and 5 children attend separate classes and learn from our Catechists.

Grades 6-10 will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday for a teaching night, and on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday for a "sent" night. A "sent" night may be a group service project, a prayer activity, or a meeting with local community members or organizations who serve, such as St. Vincent de Paul.

Grades 6-8 will use LifeTeen Edge. Edge provides a safe, fun place for youth to find a solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way.

Grades 9-10 Confirmation Classes will use LifeTeen Purpose. The Purpose curriculum focuses on evangelizing young people and accompanying them as they become disciples. The curriculum addresses three big questions, "Why believe in God?", "Why trust Jesus?" and "Why be part of the Church?"

We prepare 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students in public school for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, **and students in both public and Catholic school for Confirmation**. The Sacrament of Confirmation is available for prepared students beginning in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, as they begin their Junior year of high school.

If the unpredictable COVID-19 situation does not allow for in-person gatherings, we will draw upon online platforms to continue. This will ensure that instruction will not be interrupted. If you home-school your children, please contact me for your options.

If you have questions, we invite you to an information meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. It will be in the Columbia Room of St. John's Primary school, as well as on Zoom. To register for the meeting, go to [www.marshfieldfaithformation.org](http://www.marshfieldfaithformation.org) and follow the instructions. This meeting will also be recorded and made available on our website. Please visit our website for more information and frequently asked questions.

Online registration is available on our website with financial hardship options, **the deadline to register is August 21<sup>st</sup>**. We are looking for Catechists for grades 1, 4, 7, and 10. If God is nudging you to be a mentor to students, please contact me! In appreciation for their service, Catechists have their children's registration fee waived.

Thank you for your commitment to our shared Catholic Faith.

**The 2021-22 calendar is on the reverse side of this page.**

Yours in Christ,

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## Grades 1-5 2021-22 Marshfield Faith Formation Calendar

On each of the following Wednesdays, there will be:

**5:00pm** Optional Fellowship Meal in Dillenburg Hall, lower level of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Marshfield

**6pm – 7:15pm** Parent/Guardian Presentation + Grades 1-5 Faith Formation student classes in Our Lady of Peace School.

Wed. September 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

Wed. October 13<sup>th</sup> 2021

Wed. November 10<sup>th</sup> 2021

\*Wed. December 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 (*This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday is a holy day of obligation, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*)

Wed. January 12<sup>th</sup> 2022

Wed. February 9<sup>th</sup> 2022

Wed. March 9<sup>th</sup> 2022

Wed. April 13<sup>th</sup> 2022

Wed. May 11<sup>th</sup> 2022

## Grades 6-10 2021-22 Marshfield Faith Formation Calendar

On each of the following Wednesdays, students in grades 6-10 will meet from **6pm – 7:15pm** in Columbus Middle/High School. Grades 6-10 families are also invited to the fellowship meal in Our Lady of Peace's Dillenburg Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays at **5:00pm**

September 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021

October 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 2021

November 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2021

\*December 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021

*Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday is a holy day of obligation, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Also, the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> is optional as it falls during Christmas break.*

January 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2022

February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022

March 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022

April 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 2022

May 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2022

Late August - One day Confirmation Retreat (**mandatory** for students receiving Confirmation in September 2022)

## Columbus Confirmation Prep Options

10<sup>th</sup> grade Columbus students preparing for Confirmation have two options:

**Option A:** Attend the monthly 2nd Wednesday classes with Marshfield Faith Formation

**Option B:** Attend weekly classes on Wednesdays from 3pm-4pm at Columbus from February 16th, 2022 to April 20th, 2022. This is 9 weekly meetings with no class during Spring break.

Both options A and B also attend the **mandatory** one-day Confirmation retreat in late August 2022.