

**HANDBOOK FOR PARENTS GRADES 5-9 ONLY IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN
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IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-4 AND 5-9, YOU DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND FAMILY EVENTS. FOLLOW THE GRADE 1-4 HANDBOOK FOR ATTENDING THE PARENT SESSIONS DURING CLASSES IN PLACE OF THE FAMILY EVENTS.

Children in grades 5 and 6 will have 14 classroom sessions at 1 hr and 15 minutes each.

Please download the “REMIND” app and accept the invite when you get the message as an added way for us to keep in contact with you.

Grades 7, 8, and 9 are Confirmation Classes and will have TWELVE classes AT 1hr and 15 minutes each. CONFIRMATION STUDENTS MUST ATTEND 2 YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS. OUR YOUTH MINISTER WILL BE EMAILING YOU ALL OF THE EVENTS FOR THE STUDENTS TO CHOOSE TO GO TO OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR.

Grade 7: Year One Confirmation

Grade 8: Bishop Coyne has dropped the age/grade of Confirmation, so for the 2026/2027 year, we will have a “one year specialty” program for 8th graders. Confirmation will be in the FALL OF 9TH GRADE.

Grade 9: Year Two Confirmation. Confirmation will be in the SPRING OF 9TH GRADE.

We do NOT know the dates for Confirmation yet, we will let you know as soon as the Archdiocese schedules it. The Confirmation Ceremony will be a Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford. Please plan on being there the day of for about 3 hours (two for the Mass and Confirmation itself, and arriving an hour early to receive certificates and have a rehearsal beforehand)

2 Absences from class are allowed. Make Up work from the missed chapter needs to be completed at home if absent from class and when shown to the catechist at the next class, it will be marked as an “excused” absence. Please email us at faithformation@stlukect.org

We will have 12-15 family events on our calendar. Please attend three of them of your choice. Plan to stay for about 90 minutes. All family sessions will end with optional socializing/community time with snacks provided. Please go to our website at stlukect.org to go through and sign up for the three family events you would like to attend. This will help us plan for set up and gives you an automatic email reminder a few days out of the upcoming event from sign up genius.

IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-4, YOU MUST ATTEND THE PARENT SESSIONS IN THE CHURCH HALL AT THE TIME YOUR CHILDREN ARE IN CLASS AND YOU DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND FAMILY EVENTS, BUT PLEASE SEE THE HANDBOOK FOR GRADES 1-4.