

# Parent Handbook Summary — Grades 5–9

This handbook applies **only to families with children in Grades 5–9**.

If you have children in **Grades 1–4 and Grades 5–9**, you will **attend the Parent Sessions during your Grades 1–4 children’s class time**, and you **do not need to attend Family Faith Events**. Please follow the **Grades 1–4 parent session guidelines** in the Grades 1–4 handbook.

## Class Structure

### Grades 5 & 6

- **14 classroom sessions**
- **1 hour 15 minutes each**
- **3 Family Faith Events (see details below)**
- Please download the **REMIND app** and accept the invitation when it arrives so we can stay connected.

### Grades 7, 8 & 9 — Confirmation Program

These grades follow our **Confirmation preparation process**.

- **12 classes, each 1 hour 15 minutes**
- Students must attend:
  - **2 Youth Ministry events, and**
  - **3 Family Faith Events (see details below)**

#### Grade 7

- **Year One Confirmation**

#### Grade 8

- Bishop Coyne has lowered the Confirmation age. For **2026–2027**, Grade 8 will follow a **one-year specialty Confirmation program**. Confirmation will take place in the **fall of 9th grade**.

#### Grade 9

- **Year Two Confirmation**
- Confirmation will take place in the **spring of 9th grade**

## Confirmation Ceremony

- Dates are **not yet available**; we will notify families once the Archdiocese schedules them.
- The ceremony will be held at **St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford**.
- Please plan for **approximately 3 hours** total:
  - Arrive **1 hour early** for rehearsal and certificates
  - **2-hour Mass and Confirmation**

## Attendance Policy

- Students may have **2 absences**.
- Missed chapters must be completed at home. When shown to the catechist at the next class, the absence becomes **excused**.
- Questions? Email us at **faithformation@stlukect.org**

## Family Faith Events (Grades 5–9)

- We will host **12–15 Family Faith Events** this year.
- Students in Grades 5–9 must attend **3 Family events**.
- **Students in grades 7-9 will also need to attend two Youth Ministry events**
- Each event lasts about **90 minutes**.
- All Family Events end with optional community time and snacks.

## Event Registration

Visit **stlukect.org** to sign up for your three events. Registration helps us plan and sends you an **automatic reminder** through SignUpGenius.