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2021-2022 PREP Year Details:

- **1st-6th Grade: [Christ In Us](#)**
 - Transition from traditional school format to Family Catechesis
 - **Family Events 1x/mo with at home lessons in between (6:00-7:30pm)**
 - Family Event Structure:
 - **Parents & Students will go to their respective sessions (~45 minutes)**
 - **Parents sessions** will include, but not limited to: support and guidance for at home lessons, personal formation in the faith, and topics relevant to parenting grade school children.
 - **Students** will participate in a lesson following the Christ In Us curriculum with volunteer catechist's
 - **After the separate sessions families will come together for family activities in Nolan Hall** which will include, but are not limited to crafts and prayer. (~45 minutes)
 - Start Date: 9/15; End Date: 4/27
 - **Family Event Dates:**
 - **9/15, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1, 1/2, 2/2, 3/9, 4/6**
 - Additional events which are open to the entire parish family are:
 - **11/17: Thanksgiving Mass (We will collect canned goods for Knights of Columbus food drive)**
 - **12/15: Advent/ Christmas Celebration (Caroling, hot cocoa, and more)**
 - **4/27: End of the Year Celebration**
- Sacramental Preparation:
 - In addition to the curriculum described above those preparing for First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion will participate in:
 - First Reconciliation
 - Date of Reconciliation Service: 12/4
 - 2 Preparation sessions before First Reconciliation
 - Session dates are TBD
 - First Holy Communion
 - Weekend for First Holy Communion: 4/30-5/1 (At the 5pm, 10am, & 12pm Masses)
 - 2 Preparation sessions before First Holy Communion
 - Session dates are TBD

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- **Confirmation (Year 1) 7th & (Year 2) 8th grade (2 year program)**
 - **Weekly on Wednesday nights**
 - Start Date: 9/15; End Date: 4/27
 - We will utilize material from [Youth Alpha](#) & [Decision Point](#) for a small group structure with the aim to engage students and give space to live and discuss their faith with peers and trusted adults.
 - Day Retreats:
 - 10/23 (7th & 8th grade)
 - 1/29 (8th grade)
 - Service:
 - All requirements will take place in our Wednesday gatherings. No outside Service hours or projects will be required
 - Confirmation Date: Spring 22' TBD

I would also like to invite you to take 5 minutes to pray and ask Jesus if he wants you to be on our catechist team. We are in need of help in 5th grade, but our biggest need is for our confirmation program. We need 10 volunteers who are willing to walk alongside our students in the confirmation program. This would not require any teaching or preparation other than praying for those in your small group of 6-10 students. As an incentive, parents who volunteer will not be required to pay tuition; the only expense will be a \$25 book fee. Please take 5 minutes to pray about it and if Jesus is inviting you to join us as a volunteer catechist I hope you will respond accordingly and reach out to me (John- jklarmann@olphparish.com).

Lastly, here is the **link to the online registration form**:

<https://tinyurl.com/OLPHPREP21-22>

I wanted to include a note on the form. When you click on the link it may appear very long, but the length is conditional on several factors (# of children, if you have registered before, etc.)

In Christ,

John