

Growing in Faith ROOTED IN CHRIST

NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS OF

CHRISTIAN FORMATION
STUDENTS GRADES 1 - 6



Christian Formation 2025 - 2026 is underway! If you are new here, WELCOME! And if you have been with us before, WELCOME BACK!!

Our Elementary in person program started this past week. **Home Study Grades 1 - 9** will be ready for pickup **October 5/6 AFTER classes.**

Jr. Leo's Preschool (K3 - K5) starts October 5, 2025.

This publication will be published regularly and posted to our website. The link to the new publication will be emailed to you.

Our website has the most current information and can help answer many of your questions. However, we are also happy to help you if you need additional information - or assistance!



**We are looking forward to
a GREAT year!!!!**

We are in need of a few additional catechists for our Child Ministry programs.

Can you help?

What we need RIGHT NOW:

- One First Year Teacher, Sunday mornings
- One First Year Teacher, Monday nights
- One part time Jr. Leo's catechist starting October 5
- One FT (or two PT to share) Jr. Leo's catechist
- Substitutes at every level!

We offer a plethora of assistance, prepared lesson plans and materials and even MORE!

Please consider helping ASAP!

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Thank you for your continued support of the Christian Formation SCRIP Program

You probably see one of our volunteers selling SCRIP next to the sales tables after weekend Masses. We appreciate your continued support of our only fundraiser for the Christian Formation Department.

Not sure how SCRIP works?

We purchase gift cards to a large inventory of retailers, restaurants, online merchants and more. Due to the quantity ordered, often through a third party, we can purchase these gift cards for under the value. We may pay \$22.50 for a \$25 gift card. The gift card is worth \$25. So, when you purchase the gift card at \$25, you get \$25. But, the Christian Formation profits the \$2.50.

We have used SCRIP to fund many different projects for our formation programs including large screen TV's, computers and tech equipment, formation videos/books/supplementals.

We have also donated to a number of the projects around the campus over the past two plus decades we have been participating in this program.

SCRIP can help families budget as well. Due to our extensive inventory of grocers, retail, restaurants, specialty stores, home improvement and online retailers, you can improve your own budgeting process for your family by using scrip as a spending limit tool so you are helping your own bottom line while you help ours, too!

Large orders should be placed in advance to ensure we have the needed inventory. SCRIP can also be purchased from the Parish Office during the week.

A special thanks goes out to **Ray Jachimiec** for coordinating this program!

To see our extensive inventory, the order form can be found on our website

[SCRIP order form](#)

First Year / Second Year- WHAT?

There was some confusion as the teaching staff was introduced at the parent meetings this year and I just wanted to clarify what First Year and Second Year mean.

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee requires students preparing to receive Sacraments to have a foundational year before moving into Sacramental Preparation. At St. Leonard that means your child attends one full year of classes and the second year undergoes preparation for both Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Similarly, our Confirmation program is also two years, most often 10th and 11th grade but not always. Sometimes it is 11th and 12th grade.

When a child comes to us who is baptized but has not received First Communion and they are in First Grade or Second Grade, those children are placed in what we call "First Year" formation. This does **not** take into account if a child had been placed in our Preschool Jr Leo's program. Because what was previously called First GRADE is often comprised of First and Second graders (and second graders take GREAT offense as not being referred as such) we have taken to calling this group FIRST YEAR. Similarly, what had been our Second GRADE is often comprised of second and third graders all who are in their second year of sacramental preparation. This is referred to as - Second Year. So moving forward, this is how you will hear our groups referred to as they begin the very important work of preparing to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.





NEW Altar Server Training is

October 25, 2025

1:00 - 2:30 pm

A Catholic altar server is someone who assists the priest during Mass and other liturgical celebrations, helping the parish community worship in a reverent and prayerful way. Their role includes carrying candles in processions, holding the book for the priest, preparing the altar, and assisting with sacred vessels and other items used in the liturgy. By serving at the altar, children learn responsibility, attentiveness, and the importance of prayerful service, while also deepening their understanding of the Mass and their relationship with Christ.

At St. Leonard, students in fourth grade and up can be altar servers. This training is for NEW SERVERS only - so if your child is already a server, they do NOT need to attend.

Complete this form to register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJ0k5sJMQxqmtlAt1TTCWrIx5m1_lLtc3kZtv0LI8fjoEDVQ/viewform?usp=header

If you have any questions, email

Bryan.staedler@stleonards.org for more information

New Delivery / Pickup Box

Despite our best efforts to make as much as possible sent electronically, there are still things we need to receive or have picked up in traditional form. We have a small mailbox mounted on the building just outside our office entrance but often things sat in there for weeks for pickup making drop off difficult and confusing. SOOOO... enter our new DELIVERIES and PICKUP box. Come up the walk way to Door #35 and you will see this to the right of our entrance. If we reference the delivery box, THIS is what we mean!!.



Security is #1



This year, St. Leonard Catholic Church has introduced new security procedures to help keep all children, families, and catechists safe during Christian Formation classes. Families will now enter through the main school doors, where students will go directly to their classrooms. Once classes begin, the doors will be locked for the duration of the session to ensure a secure environment. A locked door means a person can always get out of the room in the event of an emergency evacuation (fire, tornado, etc.) but no one can enter the room without being admitted.

Any late arrivals or early pickups will be handled at the main School entrance, where someone will assist parents in signing children in or out. These steps are designed to create a safe and welcoming atmosphere so that families can feel at peace while students focus on growing in their faith.

Security is an important part of caring for our parish family. By taking these precautions, St. Leonard is making sure that classrooms remain focused on learning and prayer without distractions or concerns. Parents can feel confident that their children are protected, and catechists can give their full attention to teaching and sharing the faith. Most importantly, these procedures reflect our belief that safeguarding the well-being of our children is part of our mission as a Church, creating an environment where faith can grow securely and joyfully.



For late arrivals or early departures, starting September 28/29, parents will need to come to the school office, be buzzed in to the inner school office and then be buzzed into school.



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