

# Growing in Faith ROOTED IN CHRIST

## NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS OF

CHRISTIAN FORMATION  
STUDENTS GRADES 1 - 6



Dear Parents and Families,  
As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, I want to thank you for the gift of your children and for the trust you place in our Christian Formation program at St. Leonard Catholic Church. Throughout this year, your children have grown not only in knowledge, but in wonder, prayer, and love for Jesus. May the peace of Christ fill your homes during this holy season, and may the light of His birth renew your hearts with hope and gratitude.

As we look ahead to the New Year, I pray that it brings your family continued blessings, good health, and many moments of grace. Thank you for your partnership in nurturing your children's faith and helping them come to know Christ more deeply. Wishing you a joyful Christmas season and a New Year filled with God's abundant love.

Warmly,  
Lisa Jachimiec  
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### PARENTS OF YEAR TWO STUDENTS

January 28, 2026

6:30 pm

First Eucharist Parent  
meeting



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WINTER '25-'26

## Additional Enrichments Added for Grades 4 - 9

For parents of students in Grades 4 - 9, please note we have added two additional enrichments at this time. All students must be accompanied by a parent (*one parent may accompany more than one of their own children*). These offerings are:



**Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm in CHURCH**

### **Salvation History - From the Garden to Glory**

*(please note there is a meeting in the Gathering Space also starting at 6:30 pm so please arrive promptly)*

Discover the Bible as one beautiful story and see how Jesus fulfills the stories of Adam, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and Daniel. Come pray, learn, and connect as a family.

**RSVP for number of youth and adults no later than January 10, 2026.**

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**Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Space**

### **The Plight of the Working Poor**

Often people think the "poor" are unemployed but many of those in need are those working one, two and sometimes THREE jobs who still can't afford life. Join as us as we learn about the working poor and how we can help. As we get closer to the night, you will be sent a link to a signupgenius to bring non-perishable food items. We will be assembling meals in a bag to donate various locations.

**RSVP no later than March 5, 2026 so we can send out the food product needs.**

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To register for either of these (*or to check when more are added*) please follow this link to the Signup Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4DA8AD28A2FE3-59551826-2025>

Remember - when registering, please include the number of *ALL attendees* including parents - and remember - a parent or legal guardian must accompany the student(s).

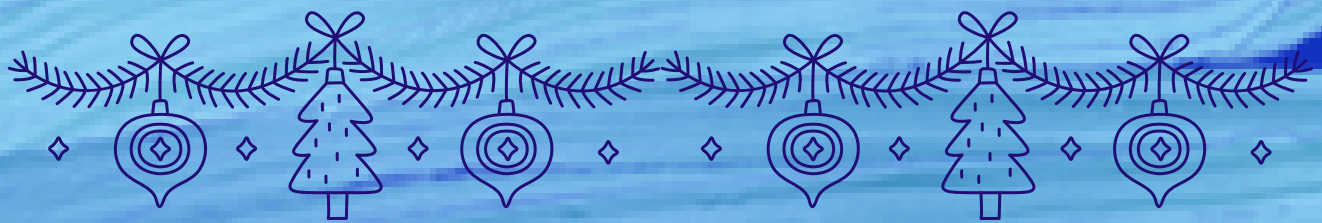
## **Students in Grades 3 - 9**

- **Thursday, January 8, 2026**  
6:30 pm Youth oriented
- **Wednesday, February 11, 2026**  
6:30 pm Youth oriented
- **Wednesday, March 4, 2026**  
6:30 pm in Church Parish oriented - youth welcome!

## **HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE**







**Jr. Leo's and Elementary In Person classes  
begin January 11/12, 2026**

**Home Study Grades 1 - 6 will be opened  
around January 15, 2026 - watch for an  
email with an invite link (*new process*)**




**Youth Ministry (Grades 7-9) and  
Confirmation classes (Grades 1-110)  
begin January 25/26, 2026**



## **Delivery Pickup Box Usage Continues**

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!!.





Catholic Christian formation for elementary students in public schools plays a vital role in shaping hearts and minds at an age when children are especially open to wonder, meaning, and truth. Children rely on parish programs and family life to help them understand who they are as beloved children of God. Christian formation provides a foundation of Scripture, prayer, and moral guidance that helps young students navigate the world with confidence, compassion, and a growing sense of purpose rooted in Christ.

The Christmas season is a particularly important time for this formation. While the broader culture often emphasizes gifts, busyness, and surface-level cheer, Catholic formation gently redirects children toward the deeper mystery of the Incarnation. Through learning the Nativity story, participating in prayer, and engaging in acts of kindness and service, students come to see Christmas as the celebration of God entering the world in humility and love. This understanding helps them recognize that faith is not confined to church walls but is meant to shape how they live, give, and love every day.

Catholic Christian formation also nurtures a sense of belonging to the wider Church, especially during seasons rich with tradition and symbolism. Advent wreaths, Scripture stories, and shared parish activities connect them to centuries of faith and remind them they are part of something larger than themselves. At Christmas, this formation plants seeds of hope and reverence that can last a lifetime, strengthening families and helping children carry the light of Christ into their schools, homes, and communities. Thank you for sharing your children *with* us and entrusting part of their faith formation to us.



*Merry  
Christmas*

May the light of Christ  
born in Bethlehem fill  
your home with  
peace, joy, and hope  
throughout this season  
and into the New Year.

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