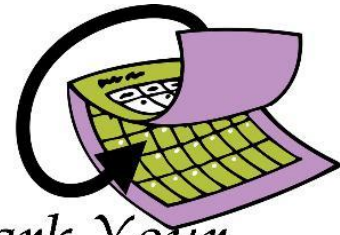




## Middle School Faith Formation 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Home Study 2018/2019

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## Mark Your Calendar

### ***The Catholic Connections Handbook for Middle Schoolers:***

*The Catholic Connections Handbook for Middle Schoolers, Second Edition* is a unique book, differing from traditional religion texts in appearance and approach. Its tested design engages middle school students and maximizes readability and understanding. Used with the Bible, *The Catholic Connections Handbook* will serve as the primary text all three years of Middle School Faith Formation (**DO NOT LOSE THIS BOOK**). The handbook approach is complete in covering the content of faith and flexible in the variety of ways it supports the learning process. *The Catholic Connections Handbook* will help your middle schoolers grow in their faith and answer the call to be Disciples of Christ.

### **Chapter Quizzes:**

The primary way in which we will assess your child's successful participation in Home Study Faith Formation is through the Chapter Quizzes provided in the packet. Unfortunately, this new book does not provide online quizzes at this time. We will be assessing the work "old school" by asking the students to complete the paper quizzes and turn them in at the Large Group Gatherings throughout the year. See the Schedule below to keep on track of when lessons are to be completed.

### **Parent Tip Sheets:**

These two tip sheets can be helpful for parents. The first tip sheet discusses developmental characteristics of young adolescents and provides an opportunity for parents to self-reflect on their parenting. The second tip sheet offers three key family faith activities to foster: family faith conversations, family rituals and devotions, and family outreach and service.

### **LARGE GROUP SESSIONS: (Sundays)**

- **December 9, 7:00 pm Callahan Center**
- **March 3, 7:00 pm Callahan Center**
- **April 14, 7:00 pm The Main Church**

*The first 2 sessions are 7:00 -8:15 p.m. in the Callahan Center (Saint Mary Magdalen Campus). Please note the April 14<sup>th</sup> Session is the Living Stations of the Cross and will be held in the main church on the Saint Margaret Campus. These sessions are required for both students and parents to successfully complete the Faith Formation Program for the year.*

### **Lesson Schedule: Grade 8**

**Complete by the December 3 LGG:**  
Chapters 37-40

**Complete by the March 3 LGG:**  
Chapters 41-45

**Complete by the April 14 LGG:**  
Chapters 46-50

There will be a collection box for the quizzes at the Large Group Gatherings. **Please have your child bring the completed quizzes and turn them in at the gatherings.**

### **Family Life Unit:**

The *Family Life* Unit will **NOT** be completed at home. The February Large Group Gathering will cover this material. You will not be receiving the separate workbooks this year as the new book we are using contains the necessary information.