

A detailed mosaic depicting Jesus Christ with a halo, wearing a red and gold robe, reaching out to a group of women. One woman in a green and purple robe is in the foreground, looking towards Jesus. Another woman in a white headscarf is behind her. To the right, another woman in a white robe is visible. The background is a golden mosaic with a decorative border of circular patterns.

FALL 2020

OUR LADY OF GRACE YOUTH MINISTRY

Re-Opening Policies and Procedures *for*
Parents and Students of Our Lady of Grace



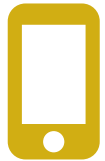
youth ministry

AT-A-GLANCE



9.30.20

first day of formation



HOW WE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU

We will be updating parents via email of any changes or necessary information about the protocols for Youth Ministry event.

We will post information on parish-approved social media platforms.



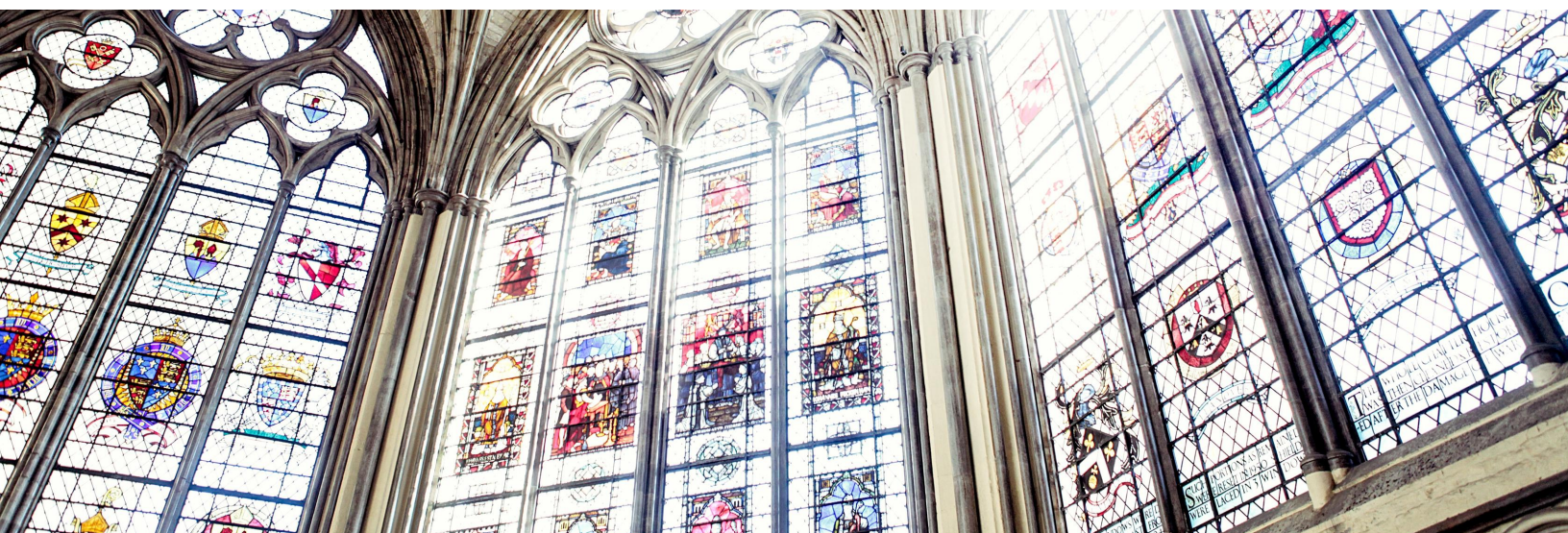
HOW IT WILL WORK

OLG will be both cognizant of, and responsive to, the level of wider community spread of COVID, adapting activities and events as needed in order to safely make Jesus Christ known and loved.



HOW TO ACCESS YOUR VIRTUAL FORMATION

We will post updates and news on parish approved social-media platforms, as well as the parish website to keep your family notified and safe.



introduction

WELCOME BACK!

The Mission and Discipleship Department will work in consultation with the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis Office for the Mission of Catholic Education to determine how in-person Mission and Discipleship Ministry activities and Events will resume. Mission and Discipleship Ministry activities and events (including individual classroom and small group sessions) may be modified, postponed, and/or cancelled if there are not enough parish staff and/or volunteers to safely carry out activities and events. If OLG School suspends in-person classes due to an outbreak of COVID-19, Mission and Discipleship activities or events that use shared spaces may also be suspended.

OPTIONS FOR RE-OPENING

A.

Onsite/in-person faith formation activities and events including family formation

B.

Virtual/Online/Remote faith formation activities and events

C.

Hybrid approach, combining both virtual and in-person elements of faith formation



PREPARING FOR FLEXIBILITY

All persons are asked to:

- complete health checks at home
- stay home when they are sick
- self-quarantine if they have traveled to a high-risk area

our shared commitment

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Basic infection prevention measures are being implemented for your safety. Our Lady of Grace has developed a schedule for increased routine cleaning and disinfecting.

All members of the community are practicing personal hygiene measures, including proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. In collaboration with, and consideration of, OLG School COVID protocols, and public health recommendations for social distancing will be followed.

OUR COMMITMENT:



SYMPTOM SCREENINGS

OLG must promptly send home any person displaying symptoms of COVID-19 illness.



HAND WASHING

As people move in and out of classrooms, they will use hand sanitizer to clean hands



RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

Those in the building will follow practical coughing and sneezing etiquette like covering the mouth with their arm



FREQUENT SANITATION

All classrooms and spaces will be sanitized after the school day and after evening activities

YOUR COMMITMENT:



FOLLOW HEALTH + SAFETY PLAN

Before entering OLG buildings, parent/guardian is asked to complete a health check at home with their child.



STUDENTS WITH SYMPTOMS

All persons are asked to stay at home when they are sick and self-quarantine after travelling to a high risk area



PRAYER

Remain committed to the mission of OLG to make Jesus known and loved



RESPECT AND CHARITY

We thank you for the sacrifices you are making to protect your health and the health of your neighbor

putting policies into practice

WHAT TO EXPECT AT OUR LADY OF GRACE

Protocols will be put in place to keep students safe. Social distancing within the classrooms and ministry spaces will be practiced. The protocols are fluid as we discover how best to proceed with Mission and Discipleship events at Our Lady of Grace. As you enter the building, pay attention to signs displaying proper protocols for specific spaces, such as the restroom, classrooms, large-group spaces, and elevators.



In addition to standard grade-level groups, children and youth will be placed in “same-school” groups as much as possible



Catechists will walk their class to the exit door and dismiss the child there. Parents are encouraged to wait outside



All persons who enter OLG campus buildings are required to wear a mask as they enter



Parents are discouraged from entering the building and lingering during class time.



All volunteers and participants should bring their own water bottle from home if needed for an event



Self-serve items must be pre-packaged. Food at events is served “cafeteria” style



When large group spaces are used for prayer, individual groups will come to the space at assigned times



We will limit the number of students permitted per classroom in order to maintain adequate social distance



planning for the year

KEY AREAS OF PREPAREDNESS

We as a parish are committed to following the principles established by the Archdiocese of St. Paul Minneapolis to protect the health and safety of the youth as well as promote their faith and growth

1

MAINTAINING HEALTHY FACILITIES

Frequently touched surfaces will be identified and cleaned often, and between use by different groups.

2

MAINTAINING HEALTHY OPERATIONS

Families, students, employees and volunteers have been informed of and encouraged to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 through regular health checks.

3

COMMUNICATING, TRAINING AND EDUCATING

Parents, staff, volunteers and all others in the parish community have been educated on health and safety procedures for shared involvement and responsibility.



**ADD THESE
ITEMS TO YOUR
SHOPPING LIST:**



THERMOMETER



PERSONAL
WATER BOTTLE



MASK OR
FACE COVERING

final notes

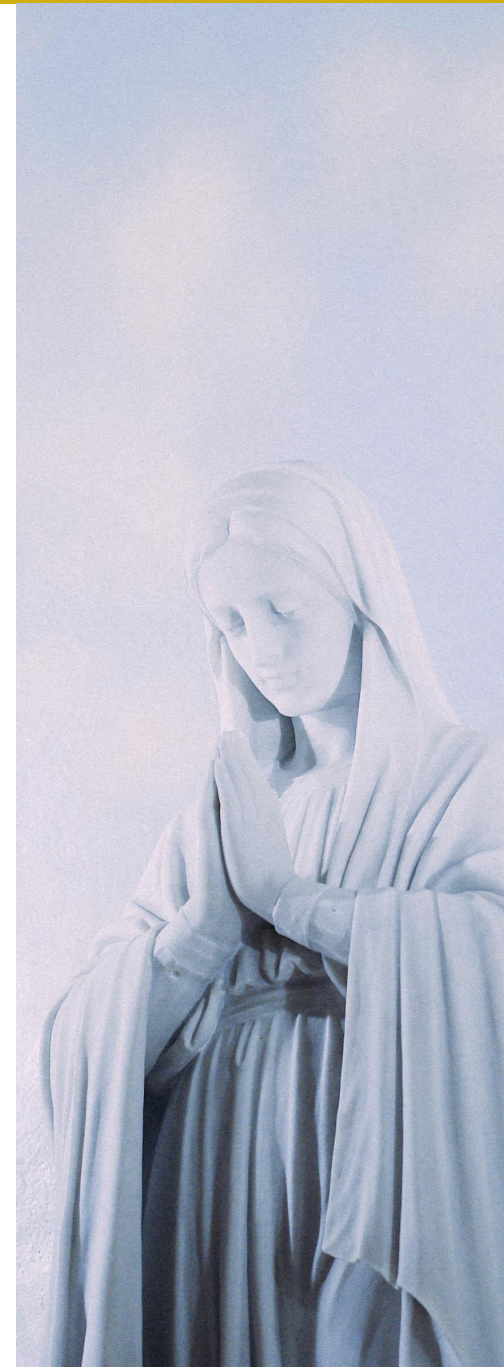
FAITH + FAMILIES TOGETHER

Thank you on behalf of the Mission and Discipleship team for your cooperation and commitment to the faith during this time. Thank you for your patience and daily sacrifices.

Your family is important to the life and faith of the community of Our Lady of Grace.

We are heavily reliant on your participation and cooperation as we all attempt to navigate these difficult times together.

The staff at Our Lady of Grace invites you to pray with your family for our parish and the Mission and Discipleship programs.



PRAY FOR OUR
FAITH FORMATION LEADERS



GET THE LATEST INFORMATION

Please check your emails or the website periodically to keep up-to-date on the latest information and news.



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