

St. Basil the Great Prep 2020-21

Homeschool Programs

Option # 1 – Traditional Homeschooling program (Loyola *Finding God* series). This program has been in place at St. Basil's for the past several years. Many parents have used this program with their child/ren when there was a conflict with the normal Sunday Prep classes. In this program, each student receives a textbook, along with an accessible website for resources, E-learning tools and assessments. The parents (along with other family members) guide their child through the textbook each week for their respective grade and then take a general assessment of the material after completing each chapter. This is then directly emailed to the DRE. This program is designed for parents who don't need much assistance in guiding their child through the class. The positive feature about this model is that it creates a real spiritual and religious bond between the parent(s) and the child/ren in learning about their faith. The parent(s) are the primary teachers of their child, and this program allows for a lot of back and forth faith sharing and learning their religious lessons in a family setting. **The DRE oversees this program and is available for guidance and assistance throughout the program.**

Option # 2 – Homeschool program with Catechist Assistance (Sadlier *We Believe* series). Each student who is in this program will receive a textbook, E-learning tools and an accessible website for resources, lessons and activities. Each student will be assigned a grade specific religious education teacher who will communicate via email with the parent(s) of each child assigned to him/her. The teacher will give weekly assignments to the parents, who will work with their children to complete such assignments. The teachers will also be available to parents for questions and guidance throughout the course and will help monitor and assess the child's progress. There will be assessments for the children to complete that will be sent directly to the teacher. Parents who prefer the guidance of a religious education teacher to help them as they cover materials with their child at home should choose this program. **The parent, teacher and DRE work collaboratively together to religiously educate the children in this program.**

Sacramental Programs – First Penance, First Holy Communion & Confirmation

We have always traditionally had our 2nd graders and 7th graders attend Sunday classes (rather than homeschool) due to the importance of these sacraments. This year is obviously different due to the ongoing Pandemic, but the importance of having involvement with a religious education teacher for students preparing to receive these sacraments is the same. Therefore, all 2nd and 7th grade students must enroll in Option

2 – Homeschool Program with Catechist Assistance. Again, the assigned teacher for Option 2 students will be communicating with the parent(s) as described above.

Second Grade – As you know, 2nd grade is when our children receive the sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion. Due to the importance of this year in regards to their religious instruction, formation, learning their prayers and being adequately prepared to receive these important sacraments, 2nd grade students must enroll in the Option 2 -- Homeschool Program where they will be they will be assigned a teacher to help them and their parents with this faith journey.

Seventh Grade – As you know, 7th grade is when our children will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. This is the last of the sacraments of initiation and a very important part of their faith journey. These students must enroll in the Option 2 – Homeschool Program and will be given a textbook and on-line access to resources, as well as assigned a teacher to guide them and their parents through this faith formation journey to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The textbook they will use, however, is called ***Decision Point*** and the program was designed by **Matthew Kelly**. We've been using this program for the past three years and the students seem to be able to relate to it.