

FORMED.ORG

You can support the spiritual and prayer lives of your parishioners during this difficult time. Because we want to encourage you to explore your Catholic faith at home, our diocese is pleased to partner with our friends at the Augustine Institute to give you a FREE 40 Day Subscription to FORMED – the online platform that provides the best Catholic movies, programs, audio books and talks, all at your fingertips, on your Roku, Apple TV, web browser, or FORMED iOS and Android apps. FORMED is a great way to help you and your entire family understand, live and share the Catholic faith. Just visit <https://formed.org/signup> and enter **Faith at Home Venice** for instant access to faith-fueling, inspiring and informative stories, teaching and more. Feel free to share this link and information with your friends and family!

For those who are in our Religious Education programs or Catholic schools: The following are text book companies that have partnered with us allowing free access to education resources online.

The Augustine Institute has provided our diocese with access to a 40-day FORMED subscription that can be utilized for remote sacramental preparation, faith formation in the home, and the support of your various ministries. This is an opportunity help your parishioners continue to live out their faith. Simple visit formed.org/signup and enter **Faith at Home Venice**

The FORMED Leader's resource site has additional support for how to implement in your parish. You can visit their Faith at Home page here: <https://leaders.formed.org/faith-at-home> for educational resources for RCIA, Bible Study, Adult Faith Formation; including Marriage Prep and Baptismal Prep.

LOYOLA PRESS is offering **complementary** student editions of both our Christ Our Life and Finding God religious education programs. This digital subscription will make student books available for free until 6/30/2020. You can request access by contacting our customer service department at 1-800-621-1008 with the number of students who need access in each grade. Each program has a series of online resources that can support parents' efforts to catechize their children outlined below.

Christ Our Life home resources can be found at www.christourlife.com/family.

- **At-Home Editions:** These guides allow parents to conduct catechesis with their children in the home.
- **Interactive Chapter Reviews:** Chapter reviews allow children, parents, and instructors to gauge learning objectives. Results can be emailed to a teacher or catechist along with student questions.
- **Study Guides:** Single page study guides outline important faith topics in each chapter.

- **Faith Filled Games:** Games such as Stump the Shepherd, Jesus' Jigsaw, and Seek the Word allow children to continue to explore their faith no matter where they are.

Finding God at-home resources can be found at www.findinggod.com/family.

- **At-Home Editions:** These guides allow parents to conduct catechesis with their children in the home. For families with children in multiple grades using *Finding God*, utilize this [Parent Quick Guide](#).
- **Interactive Session Reviews:** Session reviews allow children, parents, and instructors to gauge learning objectives. Results can be emailed to a teacher or catechist along with student questions.
- **Study Guides:** Single page study guides outline important faith topics in each session.
- **Raising Faith Filled Kids:** For parents who may not have the time or confidence to teach a full lesson, this resource provides background on the session and encourages parents to discuss faith topics with their children.

If you are looking for resources that deal directly with the current pandemic, Loyola Press has developed a special Growing with God lesson for Covid-19. The lesson can be accessed <https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/child-safety-and-catholic-family-living/growing-with-god/program-overview/coronavirus-response-lesson> and includes parent/teacher pages, student worksheets, an animated video, and an additional lesson resource.

Lenten resources

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/activities-and-resources/catechetical-activities-for-lent>

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- Credo High School
- Family Life K-8

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CATHOLIC FAMILY FAITH

Resources are available for parish and school leaders from the Strong Catholic Family Faith website. Resources for Breaking Open the Word, talking with children about the coronavirus, a faith response to the coronavirus, curated faith formation resources and so much more to share with families at: www.catholicfamilyfaith.org.

SOPHIA INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS

Inspire and prepare parents in your parish to teach their children about Confession, Communion, and Confirmation at home with these ready-made family resources!
Sacramental Prep Lessons

We've created a set of easy-to-use, downloadable lessons to help parents at home confidently prepare their children to receive the sacraments and live the Faith!

https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/?utm_source=mailchimp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=covid2

Support Webinars

We're continuing to host free virtual classroom webinars with our Master Teachers! Register below, and view a recording of last week's webinar.

https://sophiainstitute.zoom.us/webinar/register/1015845449390/WN_ZFrhRArPS5WmJIncE20Wxg?utm_source=mailchimp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=covid2

IGNATIUS PRESS

FREE FAITH AND LIFE ONLINE THROUGH JUNE 2020

Catholic Faith Technologies (My Catholic Faith Delivered) and Ignatius Press offer free Online Faith Formation During COVID-19 Pandemic. FREE Faith and Life courses for those students soon celebrating Confirmation, First Communion, or enrolled in on-site religious education. Free licensing available through June 2020.

To enroll go to:

<http://faithformation.zohosites.com/>

Questions: info@catholicfaithtech.com 3

YOUTH MINISTRY

- <https://www.reallifeathome.com/monthly-activity-printables-for-catholic-families/>
- We have Kids Youth Group Activities: <https://wehavekids.com/parenting/Fun-and-Inspirational-Church-Youth-Group-Activities>
- USCCB: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/parishes-and-schools/learning-activities-for-youth-ministry-programs.cfm>

CATECHIST/PARENT RESOURCES/ACTIVITIES:

- Catechist Magazine: <https://www.catechist.com/category/resources/parents-and-families/>
- Loyola Press: <https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/early-learning/god-made-me-and-god-made-the-world/catechists-and-teachers>
- The Catholic Catechist: <https://www.catholiccatechist.org/>
- RCL/Benziger: <https://www.rclbenziger.com/family-faith>

ASCENSION PRESENTS

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=father+mike+schmitz

- Preparing for Lent (8:18)
- Picking a Thing for Lent (5:32)
- What's the Purpose of Lent (6:40)
- Will God Heal My Wounds? (8:48)
- Overwhelmed (6:28)
- How to be a Good Disciple of Christ (8 min)
- Confession is a Place of Victory (8:02)
- Making a Good Confession (7:11)
- Confessing the Same Sins Over and Over Again (7:15)
- The Power of Prayer (6:05)
- Battle of Prayer (6:47)
- Why is Prayer so Hard (9:27)
- Motivation to Go to Catholic Mass (9:27)
- Why Confess My Sins to a Priest (8:44)
- Why We Have to Attend Mass and Receive Communion in a State of Grace
- Am I the Exception to God's

OUR SUNDAY VISITOR***Alive in Christ* Parish Digital Books and Home Lesson Plans**

In this document you will find the instructions, links and passcodes for the digital ***Alive in Christ*** books for each grade level. There are also instructions for accessing the Home Lesson Plans and E-assessments.

Instructions to Access Digital Books

You can access the digital books by going to the Student & Family Tab of AIC (<http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family>).

Then click “In the Home” tab **or** by clicking on the image just below the banner images: Then click on “Ebooks”, click on the appropriate “Grade”, and click the “Preview” button
4 Then click here to gain access to the book

Enter the appropriate “Password” and click “Enter” – see password below

Here are the links and their respective passcodes:

ALIVE IN CHRIST PARISH STUDENT EDITIONS:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/OSVOffertory/aic-parish-se-grade-1.html>

<https://www.flipsnack.com/OSVOffertory/aic-parish-se-grade-2.html>

<https://www.flipsnack.com/OSVOffertory/aic-parish-se-grade-3.html>

<https://www.flipsnack.com/OSVOffertory/aic-parish-se-grade4.html>

<https://www.flipsnack.com/OSVOffertory/aic-parish-se-grade-5.html>

<https://www.flipsnack.com/OSVOffertory/aic-parish-se-grade-6.html>

<https://www.flipsnack.com/OSVOffertory/aic-school-se-grade-7.html>

<https://www.flipsnack.com/OSVOffertory/aic-school-se-grade-8.html>

Passcodes:

Grade 1: !!aicstudent!!2020g1

Grade 2: !!aicstudent!!2020g2

Grade 3: !!aicstudent!!2020g3

Grade 4: !!aicstudent!!2020g4

Grade 5: !!aicstudent!!2020g5

Grade 6: !!aicstudent!!2020g6

Grade 7: !!aicschool!!2020g7

Grade 8: !!aicschool!!2020g8 5

Instructions to Access the Home Session Plans

Log on to: https://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family/in_the_home/grade_1/187

Once you are logged in, make sure you are in the STUDENT & FAMILY section (green tab). Here you will see tabs for each grade level. Once you select the grade level, you can select appropriate chapter, and download the lesson plan.

Instructions to Access E-assessments

The eAssessment tab is also in the STUDENT & FAMILY section of the website. This is a password protected section. *(Parish will need to provide you a username and password to access this feature)* Simply follow the steps: Select Grade, Unit, Chapter and Recipient. The recipient is: *(the email address your parish designated to receive the graded assessments.)* 6

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We know that the coronavirus pandemic has greatly impacted Catholic schools and parishes across the country. Our prayers are with you, the administrators, teachers, and catechists who are working to find new ways to teach the students you serve.

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SADLIER

William H. Sadlier, Inc. is committed to ensuring that children always have the right educational materials and resources they need for faith formation.

If your school or parish is shifting to an online learning approach, Sadlier is providing, free of charge, eBooks for the Sadlier print programs you are using for the remainder of the school year.

To access your FREE eBook Site License for Sadlier Religion programs, log in to *Sadlier Connect* at:

- <https://Religion.SadlierConnect.com/@learnfromhomereligion>
- **Username:** SadlierStudent
- **Password:** ReadyToLearn!

Once logged in, students will need to select the program and grade. The following programs are available as eBooks:

- *We Believe*, Grades K–6
- *Creemos*, Grades K–6
- *We Live Our Faith*, Grades 7–8+
- *Believe Celebrate Live*, Director's Resource Guide
- *Creer Celebrar Vivir*, Director's Resource Guide
- *With Jesus Always*, Grades 1–3
- *Our Catholic Faith*, Grades 4–6
- *Nuestra fe catolica*, Grades 4–6
- *One Faith, One Lord*, Grades 7–Adult
- *Una sola fe, un solo Señor*, Grades 7–Adult
- *We Believe and Pray*, Grades 4–6
- *Creemos y oramos*, Grades 4–6
- *Confirmation: Inspired by the Spirit*, Ages 12–15
- *Confirmación, Inspirados por el Espíritu*, Ages 12–15

We are here to help you. If you need:

- Your sales representative, visit www.SadlierReligion.com/FindMyReligionRep
- Customer Service, email CustomerService@sadlier.com or call 1-800-221-5175, available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m. EDT
- Tech Support, email TechSupport@sadlier.com or call 1-800-264-8060, available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m. EDT

As a reminder, you already have access to online program-specific content on *Sadlier Connect* at www.Religion.SadlierConnect.com to support online faith formation at home. You can also find more helpful free Catechetical online resources, which are not program specific, at www.SadlierReligion.com/resources.

PFLAUM GOSPEL WEEKLIES

a temporary password for you to more conveniently access the English or Spanish Pflaum Gospel Weeklies digital resources that we are providing at no cost to your school or parish leaders and parents. Please use it in combination with the information that you will find here: <https://www.pflaumweeklies.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Registration-Guide.pdf>

Password: Use password 5676, good until April 26. (Current Gospel Weeklies users already have access and their own passwords.)

Digital versions of the Unit 4 student lessons (English and Spanish) are now available without cost or obligation. These give parishes and schools the ability to:

- • download each week's lessons to be emailed to parents OR
- • give parents access to the site using your password so that they can print the lessons at home—please see this **link** for options how to share a login with your families.
- • Teaching Guides for each lesson are also provided as an additional free resource.