

## ST. PATRICK with ST. MALACHI PSR GUIDELINES



St Patrick with St Malachi PSR uses a “Family Faith Formation” model that consists of two in-person sessions a month with a Virtus-trained and background checked Catechist PLUS three lessons completed at home with parents for each 5 session Unit in the Student book.

In-person sessions occur in St Patrick Club Building Faith Formation Center (FFC). We gather in the “grand atrium” for opening song and prayer at 9:45 AM, then break into grade level classrooms. We conclude at 10:45 AM. This provides families the option of attending 8:30 or 11AM Mass at St. Patrick, which is strongly encouraged. First Sunday Family Mass at 5PM generally occurs Oct thru May.

PSR Curriculum for K- Grade 8 is Loyola Press *Finding God* Family Catechesis. This curriculum is approved by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) for scope and content.

*Finding God* has 5 Units, each with a particular focus, as found in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC). Parents meet in the Oak Room with the Catechetical Leader for each Unit Opener to discuss and share faith on the Unit’s topic, which is uniform for K-Gr 6, and enriches parents for at-home lessons.

The Oak Room (with coffee) is available for parents, babies, toddlers on non-Parent Meeting days.

A *Finding God* session is listed for each week on the PSR Calendar. For non-in-person weeks, the lesson is completed at home using the Loyola Press Parent Guide, found here:

[https://lpress-craft.s3.amazonaws.com/files/fg2013-files/parents/FG\\_FamCat\\_ParentQuickGuide.pdf](https://lpress-craft.s3.amazonaws.com/files/fg2013-files/parents/FG_FamCat_ParentQuickGuide.pdf).

After completion, the Loyola Press Session Review is found at:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2021/parents-and-students/resources/>.

N.B. Kindergartners DO NOT complete home lessons.

When completed online, the Session Review is submitted to this email:

[Psr.tracking@stpatrickbridge.org](mailto:Psr.tracking@stpatrickbridge.org). Please check the address for accuracy, as submissions are recorded

Grades 7 & 8 uses a “flipped classroom” model where all sessions are completed at home and students pray, discuss the lesson content, and engage in service for PSR and Parish community during in-person gatherings. This content does not follow the Gr 1-6 schema for a lesson.

Three PSR Service Projects supported by PSR Parents and Students, include:

- Box of Joy in September and October
- St Patrick Giving Tree in November and December
- Malachi Center Charity of the Month in March

Intergenerational Gatherings occur during PSR for All Saints Day, Advent Lessons & Carols, and Lenten Stations of the Cross. All family members are welcome to attend these family-friendly celebrations.

Preparation for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation are in addition to PSR.

Registration Fee of \$30 covers cost of materials and Student Book; scholarships are available on request

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