



St. Pius Immersion Religious Education: 2020 Alternate Student Immersion

Student Instruction Week

August 3-7 or August 10-14

The same content will be presented both weeks. Families will select which week they prefer.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS?

A full breakdown of the daily routine is listed below. All lessons and activities are being designed for the students to complete independently at home, using prerecorded videos and supplied materials. Each day will average between two and three total hours of instruction and student work.

Daily Prayer and Reflection

DAILY PRAYER AND REFLECTION: each day will begin with a prayer, reading from Scripture, and song, as well as a message from one of our Parish priests.

Teacher-Guided Lessons

TEACHER-GUIDED LESSONS: each grade level will be able to view separate video lessons presented by one of our S.P.I.R.E. teachers. These lessons will be split into three segments, lasting between 20 and 30 minutes each. The teachers will guide the students through workbook pages as well as other supplemental materials and/or craft projects.

Special Presentations

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: there will be a theme for each day, highlighted in a presentation from different guest speakers. These presenters will speak directly to the students about the practical application of our faith in today's world.

Family Activities

FAMILY ACTIVITY: the whole family will have an opportunity to be immersed in the learning process through a variety of daily reflection questions and hands-on experiences.

Student Guide/Daily Quizzes

STUDENT GUIDE/DAILY QUIZZES: each day, students will submit an online quiz, giving short answers to questions presented throughout the lessons and videos. After the week concludes, families will also submit a "Student Guide" provided for each family that will record the reactions and responses to the family activities.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS?

It is not the expectation that parents/guardians would become teachers; rather, parents/guardians would be expected to ensure that all daily assignments are completed and to participate in the daily family activities.

WHAT IF A FAMILY HAS MULTIPLE CHILDREN IN DIFFERENT GRADE LEVELS?

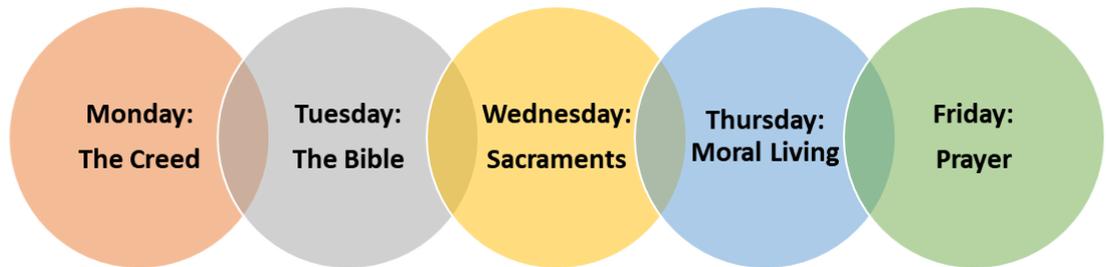
The daily prayer, special presentations, and family activities will be the same for all students, and can be viewed by the whole family at the same time. Only the daily quiz and teacher-guided lessons will be unique to grade level and would be viewed separately.



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DAILY THEMES:

each day will focus on a theme across all grade levels



WHY DID THE WEEK CHANGE?

Since the middle of March, students, families and teachers have been engaged in distance and virtual learning. During that time, we have been monitoring the practices of local school districts and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. In order for us to prepare the most effective resources, lessons and materials, and ensures that we will be able to safely distribute the necessary items to families it was clear that a delay was needed.

We also recognize that schools and educational programs will continue to adapt as the response to Covid-19 continues to change. By delaying our instruction to August, we will be better able to plan for whole academic year, including the ongoing formation sessions.

WHAT IF THE NEW WEEK OPTIONS ARE NOT POSSIBLE FOR MY FAMILY?

If a family is interested in participating in the S.P.I.R.E. program but is unable to commit to either of the first two weeks in August, they are asked to contact Jim Malinowski to make other arrangements. Our goal is to accommodate all families who wish to participate.

WHAT ABOUT THE ONGOING FORMATION SESSIONS?

At this time, we will plan to offer seven in-person ongoing formation sessions for students during the upcoming school year. Dates and times for these sessions will be set at a future time as we continue to follow State, local and Archdiocesan rules for gatherings.

While the number has increased to seven sessions for students, the number of sessions that parents and guardians will be expected to attend is being reduced to four sessions. Based on feedback received, these sessions will include a variety of speakers as well as opportunities for more direct family interaction.

WHAT ABOUT REGISTRATION AND FEES?

Families who have not already registered may do so by using the login information provided by Parish Giving, or completing a new family registration on SPXCCD.org.

Fees for the year will remain at \$215 for one child and \$430 for two or more. While the structure of the program will change, many of the costs will continue to be the same as in previous years. For example, all students will receive textbooks, Bibles and other support materials, and teachers and presenters will continue to be compensated for their time.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

In late June a link will be sent to all registered families to select which August week they will participate in. Times will also be set in late July for families to pick up the student workbooks and materials.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email StPiusRelEd@gmail.com.