

St. Columba Catholic Church

Faith Formation

2016-2017



Hello and welcome to St. Columba! Whether you have been here for years or you have just moved to the area, our Pastor, Fr. Gallagher, and the entire staff warmly welcome you to the Faith Formation Program of St. Columba in Dothan, AL.

Our program is a multi-cultural program that is intended to meet the formation needs of the entire parish family of St. Columba. Whether you are an adult or you have children; whether you speak English or Spanish; no matter your nationality or race; St. Columba welcomes you with open arms. We hope that through our ministry, you and your family's faith is encouraged, enriched, and grows from having been apart of the activities that are offered each week.

Faith Formation is a life long process of deepening our understanding of the Catholic faith. It requires a conscious effort on our part to participate in activities that allow us to learn and grow. To be successful as adults and parents, we must avail ourselves of the opportunities that we have to grow.

In this pamphlet, you will find:

- A) A brief description of each of the programs we offer
- B) A calendar with dates and events for Ignite, EDGE, and Life Teen
- C) A list of policies and procedures for our program
- D) A helpful article on the role of parents

The faith development of a child is a journey shared between families and the parish community. The Catholic Church believes parents are the primary educators of their children. As the local church here in Dothan, we strive to partner with the parents through classes and shared faith experiences. We offer classes for adults to help deepen their faith and commitment to Jesus Christ, as well as, to pass on their faith to their children at home.

Parents are always welcome to be apart of our program, whether as a catechist, an assistant, or other roles, like transportation or preparing food or setting up for events. It is vital that we all work together in partnership to help all children deepen their Catholic faith.

Let's pray together for a great year!

Doug Martin, Coordinator of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
Katie Collins, Faith Formation Assistant



Visit us on the web at www.stcolumbayouth.com



Café (Catholic Adult Formation and Education) is our faith formation program for adults. We offer a variety of classes and groups throughout the year. Here is a schedule of when we meet:

Wednesday Mornings at 10AM in Room 3 of the Education Building

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30PM in the Office Conference Room

Wednesday Evening Hispanic Parents Group at 6PM on

Thursday Evenings at 6:30PM in Room 3 of the Education Building

To see the topic for each month, please go to our website or look in the bulletin beginning in September.



This year we are offering the Little Seeds Nursery and Preschool Program. This new program is for 3 year olds through 5 year olds. The program will begin in August after school starts back up and will run through the school year. Classes will be on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:30AM. The program will offer the Gospel presented to the children on their level, along with a craft or a game that will help reinforce the Gospel lesson.

3-4 year old children will remain in the nursery. 5 year olds will walk over to Mass and to sit with their parents during the Offering of the Gifts. For more information or to register, please call Doug or Katie at 334-792-3065 or email re.stcolumba@gmail.com.



Our Ignite Kidz program is a multi-cultural program for kids in Kindergarten-5th grade. Ignite is on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30PM. Parents will drop their children off in O'Hara Hall where we will begin the evening with prayer and song. The children will then go to classes according to their grade.

Parents are expected to sign their children out after class is over, so please be prepared to come into the building to retrieve your child each night. We will have Children's Adoration one Wednesday night per month.

Don't forget about the Children's choir which practices from 5:00-6:00PM every Wednesday. Children's Choir is for children 2nd grade through 8th grade. To receive messages via text, text @scignite to (334) 440-8708 OR to receive messages via email, send an email to scignite@mail.remind.com.



Our program is a multi-cultural program and is intended for the entire parish. The First Reconciliation/First Communion program is for children who are :

- 1) in the second grade (must be 7 years old),
- 2) who attended faith formation the year before in 1st grade, and
- 3) who attend Mass weekly.

For children in the 2nd grade we will have classes on Wednesday evenings during Ignite. There will also be two parent sessions in the Fall and two in the Winter on Wednesday evenings from 6:15PM to 7:15PM; at least one parent is asked to attend. The parent portion of the sessions will be in both English and Spanish. Children who are in 3rd grade or above will attend a class geared specifically for them during Ignite. To receive messages via text, text @screccomm to (334) 440-8708 OR to receive messages via email, send an email to screccomm@mail.remind.com.

Beginning August 14TH, 11:30 am, St. Columba will host a “lunch and learn” one Sunday per month. Each month will be a new and different topic presented by Pat Arensberg who is the Director of Religious Education for the Archdiocese. The series will be a topical series of an apologetical nature. Mr. Arensberg will be covering topics such as “Are You Saved?”, “Purgatory,” “How many Churches does Jesus want there to be?”, and many more. The session will be immediately following the 10 am Mass with a lunch provided and will last no longer than an hour. This series is for adults through high school age. Child care is provided. There is no cost. To register each month so that we can plan for food, please call the Faith Formation Office at 334-792-3065.

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The EDGE is a Catholic middle school youth ministry experience created for early adolescents in grades six, seven, and eight. The EDGE is designed to meet the educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of young adolescents. The EDGE meets on Wednesday evenings in the Upper Room from 6:00 to 7:30PM. We will attend ACYC Junior in December in Mobile. We will attend the EDGE Summer Camp at Hidden Lake in Dahlonega, GA, sometime in June. Please check our youth website www.stcolumbayouth.com often for details of all events. To receive messages via text, text @scedge to (334) 440-8708 OR to receive messages via email, send an email to scedge@mail.remind.com.



The High School youth are a part of the Life Teen movement. Life Nights are most Sunday nights following the 5PM Youth Mass and lasts until 8:30PM. We have small groups for those teens who want to get a little closer and dig a little deeper. We will attend ACYC at Orange Beach, AL in February. We will go on our mission trip, Heart Workcamp, in the month of June. We will also do local service projects. Please check our youth website: www.stcolumbayouth.com often for details of all events. To receive messages via text, text @lifeteensc to (334) 440-8708 OR to receive messages via email, send an email to lifeteensc@mail.remind.com.



The Confirmation program is for youth who are at least in the 9TH grade. We are in the second year of formation. The policy of the Archdiocese of Mobile states that youth must be in the 11th grade to receive Confirmation. At St. Columba, our confirmation program is a two year process. Youth begin the process in the 9TH or 10TH grade. Students are expected to attend youth group (Life Nights) at least for the two year process every Sunday night. All students are expected to attend Mass weekly and frequent reconciliation. There will be Confirmation classes (Journey nights) on Wednesday nights beginning this school year (2016-17). Confirmations at St. Columba are normally every other year. This Confirmation class should be confirmed in August of 2017. Details for both programs can be found online or ask for information from Doug. To receive messages via text, text @scjourney to (334) 440-8708 OR to receive messages via email, send an email to scjourney@mail.remind.com.



MISSION STATEMENT

ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation program of St. Columba Catholic Community, Dothan, Alabama is committed to forming a young, dynamic, missionary minded multi-cultural community that is passionately in love with Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church. Through relational ministry and discipleship, we seek to facilitate lifetime conversions to Christ and his Church which will form missionary disciples of our adults and youth, and lead us on the road to salvation.

FAITH FORMATION ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Pastor	Msgr. Patrick J. Gallagher, VF	793-5802
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WEB SITES:

Archdiocese of Mobile Website	www.mobilearchdiocese.org
St. Columba Church Website	www.stcolumbacatholic.com
St. Columba Youth Website	www.stcolumbayouth.com

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Church	stcolumba@graceba.net
Office of Faith Formation	re.stcolumba@gmail.com
Office of Youth Ministry	youth.stcolumba@gmail.com

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5: 30PM (Vigil)
Sunday	10: 00AM; 4:00PM (Spanish); 5:00PM (Life Teen)
Weekdays	9: 00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday	9: 30AM
Saturday	4:00PM and after Mass at 6:30PM or any time by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday	9: 30AM – 8: 30PM
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