

# Ignite Make-up Directions

- A.** If you attend public school and are enrolled in Ignite “only” please complete make-up assignments for Ignite sessions that you missed. Assignments will be updated as sessions occur. These assignments are for your benefit more than anything else. Reflecting on the video and answering the questions that follow will make returning to your Ignite small group easier. You will be familiar with discussion topics that you missed, won’t feel lost, and will be more inclined to join in the discussion. See directions below.
- B.** If you attend public school and are enrolled in Ignite AND Fuel with Pflaum, you have make-up options for Ignite missed sessions:
1. If you are completing/submitting weekly reflection Pflaum templates, as well as going to Ignite, that’s great! You don’t need to do anything else if you miss an Ignite session. See #2 below though 😊
  2. If you are completing/submitting weekly Pflaum templates, take some time to watch the Fr. Mike videos that you missed and reflect a bit on the questions before you come to the next Ignite session (no need to submit answers though.) Remember: It is beneficial for YOU to watch the Fr. Mike videos (but not required.)
  3. If you are just following along with your family Pflaum discussion and not completing/submitting weekly Pflaum templates, follow directions below to complete make up for Ignite absences.
  4. Remember: If you attend all Ignite sessions, you are not required to submit anything else.
- C.** Do you attend Catholic School or are you home schooled? If you missed an Ignite session, watching the video and reflecting on the questions that follow will make returning to your Ignite small group easier. You will be familiar with discussion topics that you missed, won’t feel lost, and will be more inclined to join in the discussion. This is totally optional for you, but follow directions below if you want to catch up.

## Directions for Ignite Make-up

Watch the Fr. Mike Schmitz video for the missed Ignite date. Answer the questions that follow on separate sheet of paper and drop off in “Completed Homework” box in the breezeway outside faith formation offices when you come back to Ignite. NOTE: Make up is also on Ignite webpage: [www.saint-max.org/ignite](http://www.saint-max.org/ignite)

## **September 27, 2020:**

Ignite kick off, no make-up.

## **October 4, 2020**

Watch Fr. Mike Schmitz video: “**Why be Catholic and Not Just Christian?**”

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJCbCs-y1\\_k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJCbCs-y1_k)

- What stood out to you from the video?
- Having an authority to settle disputes is critical to our daily lives. Share a time when you were glad that there was authority to settle a question or disagreement.
- Have you ever had trouble reading or interpreting the Bible on your own? How does having a Church that teaches with authority help us understand Scripture?
- Do you ever struggle with accepting the authority of the Church on a particular Catholic belief? Based on Fr. Mike’s video, how could you resolve your struggle?

## **October 18, 2020**

Watch Fr. Mike Schmitz video: “**Why Catholics Call Mary our Mother.**”

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGRGv9\\_6oil](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGRGv9_6oil)

1. What stood out to you from the video?

2. Why should we have a relationship with Mary?
3. What are the reasons some people are hesitant or afraid to have a relationship with Mary? Why does Fr. Mike say we shouldn't be afraid?
4. Why did Jesus give us His Mother?

### **November 1, 2020**

Watch Fr. Mike Schmitz video: **"All Saints Day Pep Talk."**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mad1Jgfojow&t=2s>

1. What stood out to you about the video?
2. Who are the saints, and why do we talk about them so much as Catholics?
3. You have an army of people behind you cheering for you! Did you know that before? What do you think about that?
4. If you could be the patron saint of anything, what would it be?

### **November 15, 2020**

Watch Fr. Mike Schmitz video: **"The Battle of Prayer."**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHDQ4Xowfa8>

1. What stood out to you from the video?
2. According to Fr. Mike, what are the effects of treating prayer as optional?
3. What should you do if you find yourself distracted in prayer?
4. If you don't feel like you've made the leap yet, how do you think your life would be different if you treated prayer as essential? If you have had a transformation in your prayer life, how has life been different?
5. What is one way this week you can take even a small leap in your relationship with God? It doesn't have to be giant, just one small thing!

### **December 6, 2020**

Watch Fr. Mike Schmitz video: **"Waiting for Advent"**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PS74S\\_dD7o8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PS74S_dD7o8)

1. What stood out to you from the video?
2. Have you ever waited for something that ended up being worth the wait? What was it?
3. Fr. Mike talks about learning to "actively wait." What does that mean? What are some ways we can actively wait for Christmas?
4. As we journey through Advent, what are some things you could ask God for during this time?
5. Where do you feel God in your life right now? Where do you want Him to enter in more?

### **December 20, 2020**

Watch Fr. Mike Schmitz video: **"Christmas: A Time for Hope."**

**Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9ouPNiNaA4>

- what stood out to you from the video?
- who is the person you trust the most? Why?
- what is the difference between having hope and just being optimistic? Why is that important?
- where does the world need hope right now?
- where in your own life do you need hope, or where do you have hope already?
- what do you think God wants you to know about him this Christmas?

**January 10, 2021**

Watch Fr. Mike Schmitz video: **“Struggle is Necessary”**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i\\_w7LUVoxaM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_w7LUVoxaM)

1. What stood out to you from the video?
2. What came to mind when you heard the story of the moth?
3. Have you experienced a struggle that made you stronger? What was it?
4. What are some ways you either have seen yourself or others avoid struggles? What happens when struggle is avoided?
5. How do you usually respond when struggles or tough times come your way?
6. How do you (or how can you if not already) bring God into your struggles? Do you believe that He wants to bring good out of them?

**January 24, 2021**

Watch Fr. Mike Schmitz video: **“Does God Make Us with Flaws?”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhsikAehzCc>

1. What stood out to you from the video?
2. What does it mean to be made in God’s image and likeness? Does it mean we are perfect?
3. What have been some consequences of original sin? How do they impact our relationships with God, others, and ourselves?
4. What is the difference between saying “I was born this way,” and acknowledging, admitting, and accepting our struggles, sins, or flaws?
5. Did you know God wants to enter into our flaws? How does that impact your relationship with God?

**February 7, 2021**

Watch Fr. Mike’s video: **“Prepare to Die!”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YfGJ-9AwEZO>

1. What stood out to you from the video?
2. What does Fr. Mike mean when he says, “we’re not good at dying?”
3. How is Lent related to death?
4. What does it mean to “live life on purpose?” What are some ways you do or don’t do that? What’s one thing you can do this week to live your life “on purpose?”
5. How does recognizing that we all die free us to live our lives more fully?
6. What is one way you can die to yourself this Lent? How do you want to grow during Lent this year?

**February 21, 2021**

Watch Fr. Mike’s video: **What It Truly Means to “Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin.”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QqazgIAF-gs&list=PLeXSocAkuTPpJ6j3eH59WudJhJ4q1tpwH&index=6>

1. What stood out from the video?
2. Have you ever heard the phrase, “love the sinner, hate the sin” before now? In your own words, what does that mean?
3. Why is “love the sinner hate the sin” different than simply judging someone? Is it possible to both love someone *and* want something better for them without being judgmental?
4. What struck you about Stephanie’s story?
5. Why is it sometimes hard to celebrate our own small steps in faith, or the small steps others take in their journey?
6. Shame is a barrier that hold us back from receiving God’s love. If this is something you’ve experienced, what is that like? If that’s something you’re experiencing now, where do you think God wants you to let Him in.

