

Faith Formation Information

Faith Formation Opportunities

Every Sunday at the 9:00 Mass there is dismissal for **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. Any Children Grades K-5th are welcomed and encouraged to participate. If you have any questions please contact Jan Hansen at 989-352-1312.

Sunday School for Kindergarten through Adults takes place September 27, 2009 through April 25, 2010, from 10:15-10:55 a.m. in the Parish Center. If you have any question please contact the Parish Center at 989-967-3520.

Inquiry Classes for Adults and Children interested in becoming Catholic take place, October 4th – November 15th, from 10:00-11:00 in the Parish office. For more information about this please call Annette or Jerry Babb at 231-972-8489 or the Parish Office at 989-967-3520.

Bible Studies for Adults:

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Office. For more information on this program please contact Fran Voci at 231-972-2932.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:30 a.m. in Canadian Lakes at the Alpine House. For more information please contact Hank and Mary Lou Levine at 231-972-2875.

Prayer Group meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for Praise and Worship and 7:00 p.m. for prayer in the Chapel. For more information please contact Ruth Lovelace at 989-365-4249 or Cydney England at 231-679-6537.

Marriage Preparation Classes: This program ministers to engaged couples from within and outside our parish and is committed to building strong marriages by providing a Catholic faith based foundation. Couples participate in a four week session, listening to presentations on Communication Skills, Finances, Natural Family Planning, Christian Parenting, and Marital Spirituality and sharing their thoughts on some of marriages more demanding questions. Marriage Prep. Classes are January 17, 2010 through February 7, 2010, on Sunday afternoons from 1:00-4:00 p.m.. For more information please contact Melissa and Chris Stirn at 989-967-8322.

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Faith Formation Calendar of Events:

October 4th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Inquiry Classes 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office.

October 11th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Inquiry Classes 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office.
- 1st Reconciliation Class for 3rd grade children.

October 18th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Inquiry Classes 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office.

October 25th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Inquiry Classes 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office.

November 1st:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Inquiry Classes 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office.
- 1st Reconciliation Class for 3rd grade children

November 8th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Inquiry Classes 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office.

November 15th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Inquiry Classes 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office.

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November 22nd:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Rite of Acceptance during the 9:00 Mass and Dismissal of the Catechumenates during the 9:00 Mass and extended Catechumenate Session 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office.

November 29th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- No Sunday School Sessions or RCIC or RCIA classes, Thanksgiving Break.

December 6th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Dismissal of the Catechumenates during the 9:00 Mass and extended Catechumenate Session 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office.

December 13th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Dismissal of the Catechumenates during the 9:00 Mass and extended Catechumenate Session 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office

December 20th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- No Sunday School Sessions or RCIC or RCIA classes, Christmas Break.

December 27th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- No Sunday School Sessions or RCIC or RCIA classes, Christmas Break.

January 3rd:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- **No Sunday School Sessions** or RCIC or RCIA classes, Christmas Break.
- RCIA & RCIC Dismissal of the Catechumenates during the 9:00 Mass and extended Catechumenate Session 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office

January 10th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Dismissal of the Catechumenates during the 9:00 Mass and extended Catechumenate Session 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office
- 1st Eucharist Class for 2nd Grade Children 10:00-11:00 in Parish Center.

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January 17th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Dismissal of the Catechumenates during the 9:00 Mass and extended Catechumenate Session 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office
- Marriage Preparation Classes 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.

January 24th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Dismissal of the Catechumenates during the 9:00 Mass and extended Catechumenate Session 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office
- 1st Eucharist Class for 2nd Grade Children 10:00-11:00 in Parish Center.
- Marriage Preparation Classes 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.

January 31st:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Dismissal of the Catechumenates during the 9:00 Mass and extended Catechumenate Session 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office
- Marriage Preparation Classes 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.

February 7th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Dismissal of the Catechumenates during the 9:00 Mass and extended Catechumenate Session 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office
- 1st Eucharist Class for 2nd Grade Children 10:00-11:00 in Parish Center.
- Marriage Preparation Classes 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.

February 14th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- No Sunday School Sessions or RCIC or RCIA classes, Winter Break.

February 17th: Soup Supper 5:30 p.m. Soup Provided by Home and School.

Topic: Option for the Poor and

Vulnerable: The church calls on all of us to embrace this preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, (John Paul II, Apostolic Letter *Novo Millennio Ineunte* (January 6, 2001), no. 49.) To embody it in our lives, and to work to have it shape public policies and priorities. (*Faithful Citizenship, USCCB, 15*)

Speaker: Randy Piatt from God's Helping Hands

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February 21st:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Dismissal of the Catechumenates during the 9:00 Mass in the Parish Office. Rite of Election at the Cathedral in Grand Rapids.

February 24th: Soup Supper 5:30 p.m. Soup Provided by Choir/Sacristans.

Topic: Rights and Responsibilities: Every person has a fundamental right to life, faith and family life, food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. We also have a duty to secure and respect these rights not only for ourselves, but for others. (*Faithful Citizenship, USCCB, 14*)
Speakers: Jamie Lovelace

February 28th

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- 1st Eucharist Class for 2nd Grade Children 10:00-11:00 in Parish Center.
- RCIA & RCIC Dismissal of the Elect during the 9:00 Mass and extended Enlightenment Session 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office.

March 3rd: Soup Supper 5:30 p.m. Soup provided by CCW.

Topic: Solidarity: Our culture is tempted to turn inward, becoming indifferent and sometimes isolationist in the face of international responsibilities. Catholic social teaching proclaims that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Learning to practice and the virtue of solidarity means learning that "loving our neighbor" has global dimensions in an interdependent world." (*Sharing Catholic Social Teaching, USCCB, 1998, 5-6*)

Speaker: Parish Social Justice and Peace Group will speak about our Sister Parish in Haiti.

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- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- RCIA & RCIC Dismissal of the Elect during the 9:00 Mass and extended Enlightenment Session 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office.

March 10th: Soup Supper 5:30 p.m. Soup Provided by Canadian Lakes Bible Study.

Topic: Dignity of the Human Person: "The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society." (*Sharing Catholic Social Teaching, USCCB, 4*)

Speaker: Sr. Linda from Emmaus Monastery

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March 17th: Soup Supper 5:30 p.m. Soup Provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Topic: Peace: Peacemaking is not an optional requirement of our faith. We are called to be peacemakers, not by some movement of the moment, but by our Lord Jesus. The content and context of our peacemaking is set not by some political agenda or ideological program, but by the teaching of his church. (*Challenge of Peace, USCCB, 1983 #333*)

Speaker: Kick Kwiek from the Grand Rapids chapter of Pax Christi

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March 24th: Soup Supper 5:30 p.m. Soup Provided by the Tuesday Morning Bible Study.

Topic: Care for God's Creation: the world that God created has been entrusted to us. Our use of it must be directed by God's plan for creation, not simply for our own benefit. Our stewardship of the Earth is a form of participation in God's act of creating and sustaining the world. In our use of creation, we must be guided by a concern for generations to come. We show our respect for the Creator by our care for creation. (*Faithful Citizenship, USCCB, 15*)

Speakers: TBA from each of the following Organizations:

Organic Dairy Farm
CSA Farm-Community Supported Agriculture
Health Food Store

March 28th: Palm Sunday

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- Sunday School for K-Adults 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.
- 1st Eucharist Class for 2nd Grade Children 10:00-11:00 in Parish Center.
- RCIA & RCIC Dismissal of the Elect during the 9:00 Mass and extended Enlightenment Session 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Office.

April 4th: Easter Sunday

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- No Sunday School Sessions Spring Break.

April 11th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
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April 18th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
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- 1st Eucharist Class for 2nd Grade Children 10:00-11:00 in Parish Center

April 25th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Mass
- **Last Sunday School for K-Adults** 10:00-11:00 in the Parish center and Youth Room.

April 30th: 1st Eucharist Retreat

May 2nd: 1st Eucharist Sunday