



Family Faith Sundays 2018-2019 Themes

“Faith Formation is an invitation to a way of life”

Family Faith Sunday is where Good News families gather to:

- **Hear and experience God’s Word and celebrate Eucharist together.**
- **Engage in discussions relevant to our daily lives as families of faith.**
- **Supporting parents and guardians as the primary teachers of the faith.**

October 7 – What do the Saints have to teach us as families? – Come learn the stories of the Saints and experience what they teach us today.

Most of us enjoy stories about our families and friends. Our stories teach us lessons we don’t even know we are learning. We also enjoy telling stories about our friends or about ourselves. The stories of the Saints call us to reflect on the blessings we receive from these bold men and women. The Saints were human, they cried, laughed and experienced despair, but through it all, they acted with “justice, loved tenderly and walked humbly with God”. Come to this fun event to experience the lives of the saints and choose as a family a saint that you can work on together, and we will display your project in our church the weekend of October 13th and 14th.

November 4 - 101 Ways to Pray – Pray Without Ceasing

At its most basic and profound level, prayer is nothing more than a conversation with God. Sounds simple enough. Many families have shared that they find prayer to be one of the most difficult spiritual disciplines to master...not just learning prayers from memory but learning how to make prayer a regular part of our daily lives and as parents and guardians, to be able to model a rich prayer life for our children.

We will experience together different ways to pray, and like any discipline, practice makes perfect.

December 2nd – No faith formation programs as all families are welcome to celebrate the Fiesta after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Walmsley Center. As part of the fiesta, we will have an area for making Advent wreaths for families to take home.

January 6 - The Secrets of the Wise Men’s Journey – A Journey of Faith.

Imagine the excitement the wise men felt the night that they saw the star. The prophecies had been fulfilled – God’s promised King had come. Come be a part of fun activities that help us to

deepen our faith journey, and be part of the special procession during the 11:00 a.m. Family Mass.

February 3 – Why we go to Sunday Mass – Reasons why Sunday Mass is important to celebrate together as a family.

At Mass we are called to praise the God who created us, redeemed us, and lives in us. Sunday Mass prepares us for how we will live out the week, which helps us to deepen our understanding of who God is and who we are as the people of God.

March 3 – God’s Family Tree – Tracing the Story of Salvation and Embracing the Lenten Season as a Family.

As we center our hearts to enter the six weeks of waiting during Lent, as Catholic families, we embrace the unique and precious opportunities to share the beauty and importance of the Lenten season by instilling in our children a sense of love and anticipation. Also, during this time of waiting, helping our children to understand that the season of Lent is a time of understating the importance of God’s love and forgiveness and how the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation bring us closer to God.

April 7 - Holy Week and the Journey to Easter – On Easter we join the celebration around the world of Christ’s resurrection and rejoice that we are raised to new life!

As families of faith, an invitation to a deeper understating of what Holy Week means and how we can celebrate as a family in our community. Please come to the Holy Thursday 5:00 pm Simple Supper and fellowship with families in our faith formation program and attend as families the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Parents and Guardians please note: There will be no Family Faith Sunday in May, but we will gather on May 19th to create a special “Thank you project for Fr. Jack” to show our *appreciation and gratitude!*

June 2 – Family Faith Sunday “Potluck Breakfast” and presentation to Fr. Jack our gift of gratitude and appreciation. This will be a wonderful way to hear from Fr. Jack before he retires and for you as families to share your feelings with him about moving forward as a community of faith.

Our faith formation programs end after our June 2nd Family Faith Sunday celebration! - Have a great summer! Save the date: VBC June 24th – 28th; Roar, Life is wild – God is good!

