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Fanning the Flame

Encouraging Life-long Learning in Faith

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for registering your entire family as part of the St. Lucy Faith Formation program. We look forward to exploring the richness of our Catholic traditions, breaking open the Scriptures, and celebrating Sacraments with you. A special welcome to those who are joining us for the first time, and welcome back to those who are continuing to journey in faith with us. We are in this together and are here to accompany you; please let us know how we might assist you along the way. Don't hesitate to contact us and keep us informed of your needs, or to answer any questions you may have.

Formally, Faith Formation begins in first grade and runs consecutively through grade eight. Our class sizes are small, and sessions again will be grouped: Early Elementary (grades 1,2,3), Intermediate (grades 4,5,6) and Junior High (grades 7, 8). Sessions for these students meet on Sunday mornings from 10:30 until the end of 11:00 a.m. Mass (usually about noon). A complete year-long schedule can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Keep it handy — regular, consistent attendance is very important.

Preparation for sacraments is a two-year process, and students and parents (or other adults) will be asked to attend preparation sessions for each sacrament in addition

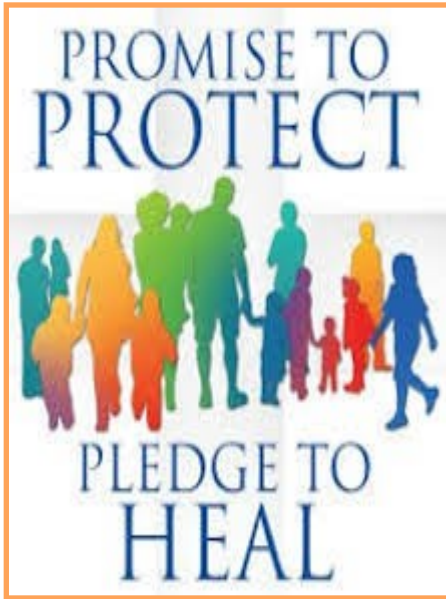


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PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN AND CIRCLE OF GRACE

JANUARY 25 AND 26

Since 2002, every diocese throughout the United States has established clear and publicized standards for ministerial behavior, and all volunteers who serve in any capacity, particularly those who work with young people, the elderly, or those with any disabilities.

To be in compliance with Archdiocesan policy, we ask that any and every adult associated with us complete a one-time Protecting God's Children workshop within the first year of participation.

Circle of Grace is the approved safe environment training for all students in Faith Formation at St. Lucy.

All adults are expected to complete a one-time Protecting God's Children workshop. Circle of Grace will educate and empower young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others

REGISTRATION: FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

Step One: Go to the website:

<https://franciscanathome.com/detroit>

Step Two: On the right of this web page note the blue button that says:

My parish/school is already registered...

Step Three: Create your own personal account

Step Four: Choose Archdiocese of Detroit from the drop down box.

Step Five: Choose St Lucy St. Clair Shores from the second drop down box

Step Six: Select a workshop and begin learning!

GREAT ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. LUCY AND ONLINE — OPEN TO ALL

Of particular interest to every adult member of the parish, is the new partnership St. Lucy, along with the Archdiocesan office of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools, has entered into with Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Through the availability of online learning, 19 different ministry tracks with some 800 workshops are available help form those who form others. Over 200 are already available to us.

Catechists will be working together to complete a three-part comprehensive program of online workshops and facilitated small group sessions offering spiritual, methodological, philosophical and doctrinal topics essential to teaching the Catholic faith.

The Catechetical Institute views parenting as the critical catechetical in the Church. Workshops in the Ministry of Parenting Track (MP) are not intended to result in any certification but aimed to form adults who know how to live a missionary life in marriage and judge nothing in life as great as the work of parenting toward sainthood and striving for spousal sanctity. Sign up. Members of the Pastoral Leadership Staff are happy to work with a group.



Our Sunday morning sessions are structured around the three-year Lectionary cycle at Mass.

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PARENTS *(CONTINUED from page 1)*

Our Sunday sessions generally meet three Sundays of the month with some adjustments to accommodate school district calendars and other major parish events and programs.

All of our Faith Formation processes are designed to meet the needs of students, teens, and adults. Parents are expected to take an active part not only in their children's growth in faith, but also to participate in opportunities offered to nourish and nurture their own on-going faith. We strongly discourage the "Stop, Drop, and Roll" syndrome of leaving your children to attend their sessions and then returning to pick them up 90 minutes later, without participating in any adult faith formation all year themselves.

I'm aware that our current Mass schedule may limit some of that participation and might even discourage families from attending Mass together, as well as joining in Faith Formation sessions.

In addition, note that service is a key element of our program year. Watch for various opportunities to participate as families with others that will be advertised throughout the year. Families should plan to join in at least three of for them during the year.

2019 –2020 SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

September 22
September 29

OCTOBER

October 6
October 13
October 20

NOVEMBER

November 3
November 10
November 17
November 24

DECEMBER

December 1
December 8
December 15

JANUARY

January 5
January 12
January 26
(Circle of Grace)

FEBRUARY

February 2
February 9
February 23

MARCH

March 15
March 22
March 29

APRIL

April 19
April 26

MAY

May 3

**SACRAMENTAL
PREPARATION
SCHEDULE**

**CONFIRMATION
SUNDAYS
12:30 PM –2:30 PM**

OCTOBER

October 20

NOVEMBER

November 2

(Retreat)

November 17

DECEMBER

December 15

JANUARY

January 5

FEBRUARY

February 2

MARCH

March 15

APRIL

April 19

**FIRST
PENANCE
SATURDAYS**

9:30 AM—12 Noon

DECEMBER

December 7

JANUARY

January 4

FEBRUARY

February 1

**FIRST
COMMUNION
SATURDAYS**

9:30 AM—12 Noon

MARCH

March 7

March 21

APRIL

April 18

MAY

May 2

CONFIRMATION 2020

Confirmation preparation is a two-year process, generally encompassing students in grades 7 and 8. The preparation sessions for this sacrament are held separately and take place in addition to regular Faith Formation Sessions. Preparation sessions are usually scheduled monthly. There are usually five to seven group sessions during each year.

In addition, candidates for the sacrament are expected to attend Mass each weekend, attend and participate in the scheduled preparation sessions, participate in an annual retreat, and complete any expected assignments in a timely way. Some work will be completed online.

An interview with the pastor also takes place about midway through the two-year period of preparation.

FIRST PENANCE / RECONCILIATION

Preparation for First Penance / Reconciliation takes place in addition to regular Faith Formation Sessions and precedes preparation for First Communion. Students also are expected to have been in Faith Formation at least a year before joining these sacramental preparation sessions.

Students attend the preparation sessions with a parent or guardian. Once preparation is completed, students will be able to celebrate the sacrament at some point during Lent individually, with their family, or with other parish family members at any time thereafter. Students are expected to celebrate this sacrament prior to receiving First Communion.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Preparation for First Communion takes place in addition to regular Faith Formation Sessions. Students also are expected to have been in Faith Formation at least a year before joining these sacramental preparation sessions.

Students attend the preparation sessions with a parent or guardian. Once preparation is completed, students will be able to celebrate the sacrament at some point during Easter season with their family if they wish. A parish celebration for all First Communion candidates takes place each year usually on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN

As part of our commitment to Unleash the Gospel locally, we are making a special effort to invite and welcome the families with younger children in our neighborhood. Since parents are expected to be the first catechists of their children in the ways of faith, our hope is to accompany them and offer them support, information, and some basic materials so that they might be more confident and successful in their role.

We hope to gather both parents and families with younger children several times a year and explore ways to share the richness of our Catholic faith and traditions so that all our homes might truly be a “domestic church.”



In order to nourish growth in faith as more than simply a school subject, students will be encouraged to participate in a summer program beginning in 2020 as a regular component of Faith Formation.

SUMMER 2020

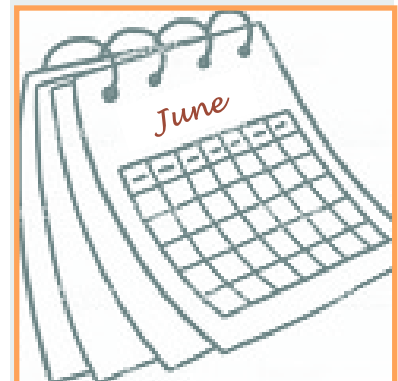
By now, it's become standard procedure that everything done within the parishes of the Archdiocese ties back and is influenced by Synod 16, and Archbishop Vigneron's pastoral letter ***Unleash the Gospel***.

For Faith Formation students, the Archdiocese has adapted its religion curriculum developed for Catholic grade school students. The new curriculum places a strong emphasis on the whole human formation of the disciple, forming them in the tradition of the Church for the twenty-first century.

More than a set of principles, ideas or values, forming disciples means encountering a person — the person of Jesus Christ. Once we have encountered Jesus, the next step is to align our lives in accord with his life and teaching. A disciple of Christ is not judged simply by what he knows, but by how he lives.

Disciples are called to share the Gospel with others in their lives. Disciples must witness to the power of God's mercy, and disciples are expected to become missionaries.

Encounter-Grow-Witness is the template for our Sunday experience and our Summer Days together.



SAVE THESE DATES

Tuesday — Thursday

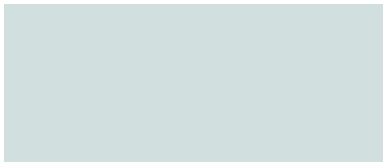
June 16 — June 18

AND

Tuesday — Thursday

June 23—June 25

More Info to Follow



SERVICE

Each week at Mass we are sent forth “to announce the Gospel, and glorify the Lord by our lives.” Our life-long learning in faith, and our prayerful worship together calls us to be the presence of the Risen Christ in the world around us.

Our service to our neighbor, in our parish, in our community, across our country, or around the world are all elements of Unleashing the Gospel. Our Faith Formation sees on-going service as a key component to growing in faith, and in sharing our faith with others.

Using the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as a guide, watch for opportunities to put faith in action throughout the year. Everyone is expected to take part in at least three or four throughout the year.

As part of our mission, usual tuition and fees are considered to be part of one’s regular stewardship: a disciple’s response to God’s blessings.

FORMS ON FILE

The following forms / items should be on file in the Parish Offices for each student in Faith Formation:

Baptismal Certificate
Current Registration
Emergency Contact

Medical Release
Media Release
Allergy Information

Field Trip Permission
(as needed)
Circle of Grace
(Opt-Out form
if not attending)
Parish Registration
Parish Support and
CSA Participation

A WORD ABOUT TUITION AND FEES

Following the release of Archbishop Vigneron’s pastoral letter ***Unleash the Gospel*** in 2017, St. Lucy Parish and Faith Formation leadership reexamined our programming for children, young people and adults.

As part of our mission, usual tuition and fees are considered to be part of one’s regular stewardship: a disciple’s response to God’s blessings.

For individuals, a disciple’s response answers the question, “What am I doing with all that I have (time, talent, and resources) because I believe in God?” As a parish family, we rely on those same resources to further the teaching and mission of Jesus to young and old alike. Good stewardship challenges us all to look at the areas of time, talent and treasure to not simply sustain our day-to-day operations, but also to utilize all our collective resources to meet the diverse needs of those in our parish in the area of Faith Formation for young families, students, teens and adults, as well as Sacramental Preparation. Non-parish members are welcome to participate in our programming, however, some fees and expenses may be passed on to them.



In addition to weekly Faith Formation Sessions structured around the Lectionary, students and families are expected to engage in service outreach as a key element in Unleashing the Gospel.

PROCEDURES FOR SUNDAY SESSIONS

ARRIVAL: Our Sunday morning sessions begin following 9 a.m. Mass. There is generally an opportunity to have some type of breakfast snack prior to the Opening Prayer and Announcements usually around 10:30 a.m. Student sections and their particular families are asked to provide these snacks about once a month throughout the year.

Students and adults then move into their individual sections for their lesson or topic of conversation for that day. Each weekly session in every group always includes some “breaking open” of the Sunday Scriptures — what was heard, what might it mean for us, and what needs to occur in our lives so that we might truly become the band of joyful missionary disciples envisioned by Christ, Pope Francis, and *Unleash the Gospel*.

DISMISSAL: In an effort to maintain a safe environment for all on campus, please do not leave Mass early to pick-up your children at noon. Catechists have been asked to stay with their students in the classroom until all are dismissed. Parents are expected to pick up their student in the **classroom** after Mass is over. Should there be an after Mass reception, students will be brought to **Holy Family Hall** by their catechist. Parents may pick-up their children from their catechist in the hall. Your cooperation is appreciated.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Corporal Works of Mercy are these kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs:

Feed the hungry

Shelter the homeless

Clothe the naked

Visit the sick and the imprisoned

Bury the dead

Give alms to the poor

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion, by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs:

Instruct

Advise

Console

Comfort

Forgive

Bear wrongs patiently

**SAINT LUCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

St. Lucy Parish serves the neighborhood community adjacent to the Nautical Mile in St. Clair Shores.

As a community of faith we seek to love and serve God,

by Inviting and Welcoming all, Building Relationships, Worshiping Prayerfully, Encouraging life-long learning in Faith, Reaching -out in service, and Engaging others as disciples

as Jesus taught.

**JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT
TO KICK-OFF FAITH FORMATION YEAR
WITH TWO-EVENING MISSION**

Christian music pioneer, John Michael Talbot, will be here at St. Lucy on September 15 and 16 for a unique two-day mission to kick-off our program year and launch us into the next phase of Unleash the Gospel. Each evening, with Scripture, song, and personal reflection, John Michael will relate his own journey of faith, and encourage us in the New Evangelization. In addition, he will guide us to a deepening awareness of the presence of Christ and our being Sent on Mission walking us through the Mass. Tickets are free, but are needed each evening for admission. All Faith Formation families should plan to attend both evenings. Tickets are available at: StLucyChurch.com.

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