



Faith Formation Newsletter

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Faith Formation- Lifelong Learning

All members of the community are invited to attend All Saints Faith Formation evenings (usually the first Wednesday of the month.) When a child is baptized, the community pledges to support the child and family in their faith. We do this by our visibility in the parishes and continuing to learn more about our faith. We are then able to better support new members of our community. If you are in need of transportation, call the parish office at 251-4831.

February 1 – All Saints Faith Formation Lifelong Learning: **The Mission of Jesus**, 6:30 pm in St. Paul’s Dining Room.

March 7 No meeting due to winter break)

March 14 All Saints Faith Formation Lifelong Learning: **Jesus Christ: True God and True Man**

Adult Activities

Adult Mini-Retreats with Deacon Dave meet after morning Mass
Wednesday, February 14, St. Paul’s Community Room

Retreat for Married Couples focusing on Communication and Forgiveness Skills presented by Jim and Maureen Otremba – Sunday, February 19, 1:00-5:00 pm at St. Paul’s Dining Room. Jim is a Christian counselor from St. Cloud and Maureen is Pastoral Minister at Sacred Heart Parish in Sauk Rapids. The theme for the afternoon is Communication and Forgiveness Skills. Whether you are still on your honeymoon or have already celebrated your Golden Anniversary, refresh your marriage with some peaceful time for the two of you. A \$30 offering is suggested. Childcare will be provided courtesy of our Faith Formation Program for those who notify us in advance. Please call the Parish Office.

Valentine Outreach

Children in Faith Formation classes are making Valentines for our elders and shut in parishioners. If you would like to participate in this outreach, please call Geralyn. We are always in need of more volunteers.

Sacramental Preparation

To prepare or register for the sacraments of Baptism or Marriage, please call your parish office. Reconciliation (Confession), Holy Eucharist (Communion) and Confirmation preparations are done through Faith Formation. For information or to register, please call Geralyn.

First Communion and Confirmation preparation sessions are now being held. If you have missed the mailing or a meeting, please call Geralyn immediately.



Parish Mission

Saturday, March 17- Wednesday March 21 led by Father Mark McCormick. Details will follow. Watch the bulletin.

Remember that our monthly newsletter and weekly bulletin are the primary forms of communication about parish life.



Children's Corner



Prayer: The Catholic Church dedicates the month of February to the Holy Family. Discuss with your children what it means to be a family – in our homes, in our neighborhoods, in our cities and in the family of the world

Liturgies: All are invited to the Prayer Service on February 15, 7:10 pm planned by Faith Formation classes Preschool through Grade 3 and to the Mass planned by Faith Formation classes Grades 7 and 8 on February 29, 6:30 pm in St. Paul's Church.

Scripture: Faith Formation classes use the upcoming Sunday Gospel as a way to learn more about God. Read the Gospel with your family before coming to Mass. Discuss the weekend homily during family dinner.

Praise through music: Children's Choirs (Grades 2+) at both parishes welcome new members at any time. Schedules are posted on the Faith Formation bulletin board at either parish and in the calendar section of this newsletter. If you have questions, call the parish office and leave a message for Erin or Mary.



The next rehearsal for St. Peter's – January 31

The next rehearsal for SPE/SPA – February 7.

The combined choirs will sing February 19 at St. Paul's Church, 9:00 am.

Sunday School: Meets during the 10:30 am Liturgy most Sundays. New children are welcome at any time. Join the fun!

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Each week during the 9 am Mass, children Preschool through Grade 4 are invited to break open the Word with catechists in the Community Room. Children will be dismissed from the Liturgy before the First Reading and will rejoin the community after the Prayers of the Faithful.

KidSpirit: All children Kindergarten through Grade 6 are invited to KidSpirit on February 12, 1:30-3:30 pm at St. Peter's Gym. Bring a friend!



Youth Connection

Castaway Retreat for youth in grades 9-12 and adults who wish to companion them. March 23-25 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Registration forms are on bulletin boards in both parishes. Do not delay. Space is limited!

Theology of the Body: There are about 40 youth involved in Theology of the Body. We are welcoming new members each session. If you are interested in joining the group, please call Geralyn to reserve materials. Books for students in our two parishes will be covered under your Faith Formation Registration donation. The group meets at Holy Angels Performing Arts Center on 3rd Street and 6th Avenue North from 7:00-9:00 pm on February 5 and 26 this month.

NET Ministries Lifeline Masses: Can you imagine 1,200 Catholic teens in a gymnasium at a Mass that includes electric guitars? That's Lifeline, the monthly program that turns the NET Center into a hot spot for Catholic young people in the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis and beyond. For more information and to sign up see the Faith Formation bulletin board at either parish.

CNOP (Catholic Night of Praise): Meet other youth and young adults from the St. Cloud area. The third Saturday of every month from 7:00-8:30 pm in St. Mary's Lower Church, youth and young adults gather for praise led by These Guys and spiritual direction by Father Tony Oelrich. Come check it out! Questions? Call Kim Walz at 251-2252.

More Opportunities: Look for more youth opportunities in upcoming months, such as helping out with Church of the Week at St. Peter's in March, Castaway Retreat in March and more!

Confirmation Preparation: The Sunday Confirmation Prep sessions are underway. Wednesday Prep sessions will begin on February 8, 6:30 at St. Paul's.

Retreat: Candidates can choose one of two retreat dates: Saturday, February 11 or Sunday February 12.

Pizza with the Padre: Don't forget the Pizza Suppers with Father Alan on February 1 and March 14 at 6:30 – candidates only.

Chrim Mass: Candidates are requested to attend the Chrim Mass with Bishop Kinney at St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, March 29 at 7 pm.

Confirmation: is scheduled for April 26 at 7 pm at St. Paul's with rehearsal on April 25, 6:30 at St. Paul's

Peer Ministers Dinner with Father Alan: Youth who volunteer in leadership roles in our parishes are invited to have pizza with Father Alan on Wednesday, February 29 at 5:30 pm in the St. Paul's Dining Room. All youth who volunteer as catechists and assistants for Faith Formation, Liturgy of the Word leaders, Sunday School and teach Theology of the Body classes are invited. Please call Geralyn to reserve your slice of fun by February 27.

Get Involved

Many have answered the call to help with Sunday School, Wednesday evening classes, Liturgy of the Word with Children, Church of the Week and with our youth in their many activities. There are still many opportunities to be filled:

Parish Mission, March 17-21

Catholic Night of Praise (CNOP) 3rd Saturday of the Month, St. Mary's Crypt

Liturgy of the Word with Children volunteers

Book discussion groups – call GERALYN for more information

Adults to plan activities for the youth of our parishes

Community of Prayer

Pope Benedict XVI Monthly Intentions

General Intention: Access to Water.

That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life.

Missionary Intention: Health Workers.

That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions.

Church of the Week

St. Peter's will host Church of the Week March 12-18.

For more information contact Karen Kleinschmidt.



Faith Formation & Confirmation Websites

Pictures, announcements, updates and journal entries are all on the website as well as pictures of our Faith Formation catechists and some of our peer helpers from the area high schools. More pictures will be posted soon. See what's going on in the parishes.

If we don't have your email address, please email it to gnahe-evans@stpetestpaul.org to gain access. Those who have already provided emails should have already received their invitation to the site. **Be sure to set your personal preference for notifications. This allows you to control how often/seldom you receive notifications.**

Faith Formation Calendar

February

- 1 Pizza for Confirmation Candidates with Father Alan, St. Paul's Dining, 5:30 pm
- 1 All Saints Faith Formation, St. Paul's, 6:30 pm
- 5 4th of 5 Confirmation Preparation, St. Peter's, 9-10:30 am
- 5 3rd of 5 Confirmation Preparation, St. Paul's, 10:30-noon
- 5 Liturgy of the Word with Children, 9:00 am Liturgy
- 5 Sunday School, 10:30 am Liturgy
- 8 Faith Formation Classes, St. Paul's, 6:30 pm
- 8 Faith Formation Grades 4-6 with parents in Dining Room, 6:30pm
- 8 1st of 5 Confirmation Preparation, St. Paul's, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 11 Confirmation Retreat, St. Paul's, 1:00 – 7:00 pm
- 12 Liturgy of the Word with Children, 9:00 am Liturgy
- 12 Confirmation Retreat, St. Paul's, 9:00 am-4:00 pm
- 12 Sunday School, 10:30 am Liturgy
- 12-KidSpirit 1:30-3:30PM St. Peter's
- 15 Adult Mini-Retreat, St. Paul's, 8:45 am
- 15 Faith Formation Classes, St. Paul's, 6:30 pm
- 15 2nd of 5 Confirmation Preparation, St. Paul's, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 15 Prayer Service, St. Paul's Church, 7:10 pm
- 19 Liturgy of the Word with Children, 9:00 am Liturgy
- 19 Sunday School, 10:30 am Liturgy
- 19 4th of 5 Confirmation Preparation, St. Paul's, 10:30-noon
- 19-Marriage retreat at St Paul's
- 22 ASH WEDNESDAY NO Faith Formation classes
- 26 Liturgy of the Word with Children, 9:00 am Liturgy
- 26 Sunday School, 10:30 am Liturgy
- 26 5th of 5 Confirmation Preparation, St. Peter's, 9-10:30 am
- 26 5th of 5 Confirmation Preparation, St. Paul's, 10:30-noon
- 29 Peer Ministers Pizza Party, St. Paul's Dining Room, 5:30pm
- 29 Faith Formation Classes, St. Paul's, 6:30 pm
- 29 3rd of 5 Confirmation Preparation, St. Paul's, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 29 Mass, St. Paul's, led by FF Grades 7-8, 6:30 pm

March

- 7 WINTER BREAK-NO Faith Formation classes
- 11-Castaway Retreat Training for adults
- 13 Adult Mini-Retreat, St. Peter's, 8:45 am
- 14 Adult Mini-Retreat, St. Paul's, 8:45 am
- 14 Confirmation Candidates Pizza with Fr Alan, St. Paul's Dining Room, 5:30pm
- 14 All Saints Faith Formation, St. Paul's, 6:30 pm
- 14 First Communion Meeting, Parents & Children, St. Paul's, 6:30pm
- 17/18 Father Mark McCormick at all weekend Liturgies
- 18 Liturgy of the Word with Children, 9:00 am Liturgy
- 18 Sunday School, 10:30 am Liturgy
- 20 Reconciliation, St. Paul's, 6:30 pm
- 21 4th of 5 Confirmation Preparation, St. Paul's, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 21 Mass, St. Paul's, led by FF Grades 4-6, 6:30 pm
- 23-25 Castaway retreat at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes
- 24 Reconciliation, St. Peter's, 1:00 pm
- 25 Liturgy of the Word with Children, 9:00 am Liturgy
- 25 Sunday School, 10:30 am Liturgy
- 28 Faith Formation Classes, St. Paul's, 6:30 pm
- 28 5th of 5 Confirmation Preparation, St. Paul's, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 29 Chrism Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral, 7:00 pm

For up-to-the-minute changes see the Faith Formation website, the weekly Sunday bulletin and the monthly Faith Formation Newsletter.