

Adult Bible Studies Continued...

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

Begins Sept. 15
Thurs. 10-11:30am

Step Three in The Great Adventure Bible Study Program, Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom, builds on The Bible Timeline and Matthew by showing how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out his work in the world. The book of Acts shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring outcasts in the same way that Jesus did on earth. Each student gets a packet that includes notes, thought-provoking questions and home study materials.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

Begins Sept. 6
Tues. 7-9:00pm

This 10 week program explores the Book of Revelation to demonstrate how the Kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will also learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation represent, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

Volunteer with the Faith Formation Team

None of these ministries are possible without your help! Please consider giving of your time and special gifts in the following ways.

Early Childhood Religious Education

Teacher or Classroom Aide

Adults and teens are needed to share their faith! Training and lots of help provided.

Elementary Religious Education Team

Adults and teens needed to form teaching teams. Training is provided.

C.L.O.W. Team

5-6 person teams are needed to lead Children's Liturgy in reading the Scriptures, presenting talks, music, prayer and supervision for about a 6-week time period each. Training provided.

Faith Formation Board

Adults devoted to providing a variety of faith formation opportunities for the entire parish- children to adults. This board serves as an advisory group for the Faith Formation staff to assist in planning and evaluating parish programs. Meets quarterly.

ROCKsolid Youth Team

Adults strong in their faith and willing to share it through helping plan and implement games, music, instruction and prayer for our ROCKsolid Youth on Wednesday evenings.

ROCKsolid Food Service Coordinator

Adults needed to help coordinate our meals at ROCKsolid activities.

ROCKsolid Christian Service Coordinators

Adults needed to help coordinate Christian service opportunities for our ROCKsolid Youth.

Confirmation Small Group Leaders

Adults strong in their faith with a great sense of humor are needed to work with our Juniors preparing for Confirmation. Needed on Sunday evenings.

RCIA Group leaders and Instructors

For adults excited about sharing their faith and helping others on their faith journey. Theology degrees are not necessary to be a good witness! Can be a great way to enrich your own faith. Needed Thursday evenings.

Help us out!

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The Ministry of Catechesis...

What is it? The Latin root of the word is the same as that for the word "echo." Thus, catechesis means "the echoing of our faith from one generation to the next."

The General Directory for Catechesis describes the Christian life as a process of continuing conversion. Our growth in our communion and intimacy with Jesus never ends. When we think of catechesis, it is natural to think of classes where we learn "faith facts". However, it is much broader than that. According to the General Directory, there are six fundamental tasks in the ministry of catechesis:

- Promoting Knowledge of the Faith:** teaching the basics of the faith found in Scripture and Tradition.
 - Liturgical Education:** not only teaching about the form and meaning of liturgical celebrations, but also helping individuals prepare their minds and hearts to enter into these mysteries of our faith.
 - Moral Formation:** learning the moral teaching of Jesus, which is the fulfillment of the commandments, and learning how to apply His teaching to our everyday lives.
 - Teaching to Pray:** helping individuals learn to enter into the conversation of prayer with God
 - Education for Community Life:** preparing the Christian to live in community and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church.
 - Missionary Initiation:** preparing individuals to spread the Gospel to others by word and example
- The bishops state that "all efforts in evangelization and catechesis should incorporate these tasks." In this way we pay attention to several different dimensions of faith, with the ultimate goal of forming disciples of Jesus.

Children's ministries

Sunday School
 Pre-school: during 10:30am Sunday Mass
 K-5: Sundays, 9:15-10:15am
 By Christian example, our dedicated, faith-filled volunteers help the youngest of our children develop a living faith relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ. The children learn the basics of our Catholic faith through the use of Diocesan-approved curriculum materials and activities.

Children enrolling in the pre-school classes must be 3 or 4 by September 1st. They meet in the pre-school area during the 10:30 Mass. Grades 1-5 meet in the school classrooms. Second graders and their parents will prepare for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation in the Fall and First Eucharist in the Spring.

ROCKSOLID Sunday offers middle and high schoolers an opportunity for a deeper exploration of their faith through Bible study beginning at 9:05.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

K-2:
 During 10:30am Sun Mass
 CLOW is a continuation of the Mass for young children; they are dismissed from the main assembly to the chapel for the Liturgy of the Word presented at an age-appropriate level. The children listen to the readings from the Children's lectionary, hear a short talk about the readings, pray the Creed and petitions before returning to the main Church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Children need not register to attend Children's Liturgy, however, it is important to observe the age requirements because of space limitations.

Begins Sept. 11
 Sacramental Preparation: **Begins Oct. 9**
 First Reconciliation and First Eucharist
 Age 7 / 2nd Grade

Children prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist at age 7, which is normally the 2nd grade. Our parish program includes children who attend either Catholic School (generally at St. Mary or Monte Casino) or the parish Religious Education Program. Parent(s) and child will attend a 6 week Parish preparation program together for each sacrament. Preparation for Reconciliation takes place in the fall and First Eucharist takes place in the spring.

Requirements for participation are:

- Child must be baptized Catholic.
- Child and family must be attending Mass regularly.
- Child should be at least 7 years old - which is normally the 2nd grade.
- Child must have had at least one year of formal religion class before beginning the preparation program and be currently enrolled in a religion class either in Catholic School or the parish program.
- Family must be registered in the parish.

Registration and orientation for sacramental preparation will be held following each Mass the weekend of September 17 and 18th.

Youth ministries

ROCKSOLID = "Raising Our Catholic Kids Solid"
 An exciting approach to provide faith formation experiences including worship, prayer, community building, Christian service, and fun for all of our youth, whether they attend Catholic school, public school or are home-schooled. ROCKSOLID refers to all Faith Formation opportunities designed to benefit the 6th-12th grade age groups and their families.

ROCKSOLID Wednesdays
Begins Sept. 7
 6-8pm

Middle School and High School Youth join together each Wednesday evening to take part in various activities, projects, games, and conversations focused around a new topic each month. Dinner is served at 6pm in the Cafeteria, and then youth split into their own age groups to experience their own fun activities. One Wednesday of each month includes more free time, large group games, experiences of discipleship, service, and Mass.

ROCKSOLID Sundays
Begins Sept. 11
 9:05-10:25am

Middle School and High School youth are invited to take part in faith-forming Bible Studies for Teens that include dynamic videos, workbooks, and lively conversations.

Adult ministries

Adult Confirmation
 Date TBA

If you are over 18, out of high school and have not been confirmed, you may receive the Sacrament when the Bishop confirms at our parish in 2011.

Remembering Church
 Date TBA

No matter how long you have been away, you can always come home to the Catholic Church. You may start by coming to Mass and joining activities, but should you feel that you would like some help as you begin this journey, check out "Remembering Church."

Theology Uncorked
3rd Thurs. of the Month

Join in this casual venue with others who share a love for wine and a love for theology. This group meets to learn about different types of wine and hear a talk on a variety of theological topics to be followed by an open discussion with the presenter and those gathered.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Begins Sept. 8
Thurs. 7:00-9:00pm

Every year, thousands of people are brought into the Catholic Church through the process now known as RCIA. RCIA restores the spirit of early Christianity by emphasizing conversion as a participation in the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. It involves the whole community by asking them to witness, pray, teach and by giving their support to both the candidates and catechumens.

"ROCKOUT" Activities
 Various Dates/Times

Fun opportunities for youth in grades 6-12 occur throughout the year in addition to Wednesdays and Sundays. They might include service opportunities, community building nights spent bowling or at Incredible Pizza, Retreats, Diocesan Dances, or anything! Be sure to have a registration form on file with us in order to participate in any ROCKSOLID activities.

Sacramental Preparation: Confirmation
Dates & Time TBA
Sunday

Confirmation is an important sacrament that completes the graces we receive in Baptism. In Confirmation, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we can work in the special, unique ways that God has called each of us to build up the Church. Preparation for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation will begin in the Fall of 2010 for all High School Juniors in the parish.

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass
Begins Sept. 11
Sun. 9:15-10:15am

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass takes us on a unique tour of the Liturgy. Based on the revised translation of the Mass which goes into effect Advent, 2011, this book explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the Liturgy and explains their profound significance. This intriguing look at the Mass is sure to renew your faith and deepen your devotion to the Eucharist.

A Quick Journey Through the Bible
Begins Sept 6
Tues. 7:00-8:30pm

This eight-part series provides an excellent introduction and overview of the Bible from a Catholic perspective. The Quick Journey study briefly covers salvation history in a series of eight half-hour talks that are complemented by group discussion questions, useful maps and charts, and brief assignments for home study. This study makes the complexity of the Bible simple through an easy-to-follow narrative approach and an ingenious color-coded Bible timeline. This is a great way to "get your feet wet" and learn how to begin authentic Catholic Bible study. Recommended for beginners to our Bible Study Programs.

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