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There are **THREE** components of the G.R.A.C.E. program:  
**1. Monthly Sessions 2. Age-Specific Sessions 3. Sacramental Preparation**

**Monthly Sessions**

**September 20, 22, 23, 25**  
**October 18, 20, 21, 23**  
**November 15, 17, 18, 20**  
**January 24, 26, 27, 29**

**February 21, 23, 24, 26**  
**March 21, 23, 24, 26**  
**April 25, 27, 28, 30**

The monthly session is given and then repeated on four evenings of the week: Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday. All members of the family register for the same session and attend a set evening (S-T-W-F) each month. Please remember:

- Adults without children may choose any of the four evenings.
- Parents with children grades 1-6 (and none older) may choose Tues., Wed., or Friday.
- Parents with at least one child in junior high (7th-8th grade) can choose either Sunday or Friday as their designated evening.
- For parents with a high school age teen, Sunday is designated for the whole family. NB: High school teens may attend on their own on Sunday as well, if the family chooses a different evening for the younger siblings or for themselves as adults.
- For parents who have registered their 4 or 5 year old in the Sunday Early Childhood Program and also want them to attend the monthly sessions, Wednesday is the designated day for your family.

All sessions, no matter the day, begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

All sessions include a meal which is served from 6:00—6:15 p.m.

All children junior high and younger must be accompanied by at least one parent or related adult.

NB: There is no session in December. Families and households are asked to participate actively in the parish's hosting of the MCREST homeless shelter the week of December 6, 2009

**Age-Specific Sessions**

**Grades 1-6: Mondays 4:45-6 p.m. /  
Tuesdays 4:45-6 p.m. or 6:30-7:45 p.m.**

Parents may choose either time. Four sessions in the fall, four in the winter: The following dates are **TENTATIVE or TBA:**

Fall: Oct. 26/27, Nov. 2/3, Nov. 23/24, Nov. 30/Dec. 1  
Winter: Feb. 1/2, Feb. 8/9, Mar. 1/2, Mar. 8/9

**Junior High Gatherings: TBA**

**Senior High Gatherings: TBA**

**Sunday Early Childhood Program:**

For 3 1/2, 4 & 5 year olds. Begins on Sunday, Oct. 4  
These take place during the 9:30 a.m. Mass three times a month.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:**

For children in grades 1 on up. Begins on Sunday, Oct. 4. These take place at the 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses.

**Vacation Bible School: Week of Aug. 3—7**

For preschoolers ages 4 & 5 & children who have completed grades 1-5 this year.

**Adult Formation:**

Dates / times to be announced. Watch the bulletin for: Scripture Study / Evenings of Reflection / Wisdom Bytes / Adult Education topics / Lenten Speakers / Protecting God's Children.

**Sacramental Preparation Sessions**

Prior to the first session, a letter of invitation will be sent to families who may have a child eligible to prepare for the sacraments of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation. Faithful attendance at the monthly G.R.A.C.E. and Age-Specific Sessions is required.

**First Eucharist Parent & Child Gatherings:**

3 preparation sessions beginning in January. Celebrations of the sacrament begin the first Sunday after Easter and continue through Pentecost.

**First Reconciliation Parent & Child Gatherings:**

2 preparation sessions starting the beginning of October. Celebrations of the sacrament are in December.

**Confirmation Preparation:**

All parents / eligible candidates were given a 2009 Confirmation calendar. Please call the Religious Formation office, if you did not receive one.

**Baptism:**

To prepare your child or infant for baptism, please call the Parish Office to schedule an interview.

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation)**

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or need to be prepared for adult first Eucharist or Confirmation.