

SS. John and Paul 2011-2012 G.R.A.C.E. Calendar

Growing, Responding As Catholics Everyday

Be sure to look at all 3 components of G.R.A.C.E.: 1. Monthly 2. Age Specific 3. Sacraments

1. MONTHLY G.R.A.C.E. Dates / Themes / Events:

[Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 6:00-8:30 p.m. You must attend the evening that you signed-up for.]

<u>Date</u>	<u>Key Catechetical Area</u>	<u>Theme We Are Exploring</u>	<u>Event We Are Focusing On</u>
September 18, 20, 21, 23	Social Justice	<i>Catholic Social Teaching in Action</i>	October: Respect Life Month
October 16, 18, 19, 21	Growing as Sacramental People	<i>Preparing for the New Mass Translation</i>	New Translation
November 13, 15, 16, 18	Catholic Tradition	<i>Understanding the Reformation</i>	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
January 22, 24, 25, 27	Believing as Catholics	<i>Believing in God as Father, Son, Holy Spirit</i>	Praying Creed at Mass
February Mission 26 thru 29		<i>Lenten Lift Mission</i>	<i>Dare To Be Holy</i>
March 18, 20, 21, 23	Exploring Scripture	<i>Unpacking the Old Testament</i>	First Readings of our Sunday scripture
April 22, 24, 25, 27	Spirituality	<i>Making Each Day Prayerful and Holy</i>	Making Prayer Part of Our Daily Life

2. AGE SPECIFIC G.R.A.C.E. GATHRINGS

Junior High Gatherings: 7th & 8th Graders:

Day	Date	Time
Friday	October 28th	TBA
Saturday	November 12th (tentative)	TBA
Saturday	January 14th	TBA
Saturday	March 10th	TBA

~~Senior High Gatherings: 9th thru 12th Grades (Always Watch the Bulletin or pick up calendar in the literature racks in front of office)~~

Day	Date	Time
Sunday	September 25th	6:30-8:30
Sunday	October 9th	6:30-8:30
Sunday	October 23rd	6:30-8:30
Sunday	October 30th	Hay Ride
Friday	November 4th	Lock-In
Sunday	November 20th	Raking Leaves
Sunday	December 4th	Serve Dinner for McRest
Saturday	December 17th	Scavenger Hunt Food Drive

Early Childhood Program: Ages 4—5 yrs. During the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass
Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30 / Nov. 6, 20, / Dec. 11, 18, / Jan. 8, 15, 29 / Feb. 5, 12, 19 / Mar. 4, 11, 25 / Apr. 1

Grades 1-6 Sessions: *Mon. 4:45-6:00 p.m. or Tues. 4:45-6:00 / 6:30-7:45 p.m.*
Fall: *Session 1: Sept. 26/27 Session 2: Oct. 3/4 Session 3: Nov. 21/22 Session 4: Nov. 28/29*
Winter: *Session 1: Jan. 30/31 Session 2: Feb. 6/7 Session 3: Mar. 5/6, Session 4: Mar. 12/13*

Adult Formation Opportunities:

- *Scripture series on John: Begins Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30*
- *Scripture series on the Matthew: Begins Tuesday, September 13th at 9:30 am*
- **Reconnect:** an outreach program for those Catholics who have lost connection with a parish for any reason, Wednesday, September 28th, 7pm
- *Women's Scripture Reflection:* . 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month @9:30 am
- **Mens' Prayer** 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month @ 8am
- *Let's Talk and Wisdom Bytes: TBA*
- *Woman's retreat October 30th, Capuchin Retreat Center*

The remainder of the calendar for junior /senior high events is not yet complete. Please watch the bulletin, web site and e-mails for more details!

3. SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION G.R.A.C.E. SESSIONS See reverse side.

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Parents with children who are eligible to receive a sacrament of Eucharist, Reconciliation or Confirmation will receive a letter of invitation just prior to the first initial parent / children session. If you have questions please call Kathryn Locke or Karen Peters @ 586-781-9488

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Parent / Child Session #1: Tues., January 10 at 7 p.m. or Tues., January 17 at 7 p.m.

Presentation of Candidates: Sun., January 22 at 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses

Parent / Child Session #2: Wed., February 8 at 7 p.m. or Tues., February 14 at 7 p.m.

Parent / Child Session #3: Wed., March 7 at 7 p.m. or Thurs., March 8 at 7 p.m.

Family Interviews: April 11 & 18, May 2 Between 4-6:00 p.m.

Celebration of First Eucharist: Families will choose a weekend Mass between Easter and Pentecost.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Parent / Child Session #1: Mon., October 11 at 7 p.m. or Tues., October 11 at 7 p.m.

Parent / Child Session #2: Tues., November 1 at 7 p.m. or Tues., November 8 at 7 p.m.

Family Interviews: W/TH November 30, December 1 Between 4-6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For all those who are in the process of preparing for Confirmation. Preparation began in the Spring of 2011.

Candidate Session: Sat., August 27th. Session begins right after 5:00 mass

Candidate Session Sat, September 17th Session begins right after 5:00 mass

Retreat at St. Benedict's: Sun., October 23rd, 1:00-7:00 p.m. Includes Mass

Candidate Final Interview: Tues., Nov. 8th 3:30-7:30 p.m. or Thur., Nov. 10th 3:30-6:00 p.m.
Candidates must call to schedule their interview.

Rehearsal: Wed, Nov. 30th 6:30-8:30 pm beginning with dinner

Celebration of the Sacrament: Saturday, December 3rd with mass at 7:00 p.m.

R.C.I.A. for Families with Children Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Preparation for the Rite of Christian Initiation for families with children who are in need of sacraments and have had little or no previous religious formation. Dates TBA Call Kathryn Locke for information

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

Preparation sessions for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation are scheduled as needed. Dismissal during weekend masses will begin in October. Call JoAnne Owens for information.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM This sacrament takes place during the scheduled weekend masses.

Dates of scheduled baptisms: Sunday, September 18, 11:30 a.m. mass, Sunday, October 23, 9:30 a.m. mass, Saturday, November 19, 5:00 p.m. mass, Sunday, December 18, 11:30 a.m. mass, Sunday, **January 22, 9:30 a.m. mass**, Saturday, February 18, 5:00 p.m. mass, Easter Sunday, April 8, 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. mass, Saturday, May 19, 5:00 p.m. mass, Sunday, June 17, 11:30 a.m. mass

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples meet several times with the pastor and also attend a marriage preparation weekend/series of talks. These options and dates are laid out at the first meeting, which ordinarily should take place up to one year prior to the marriage. As part of the marriage prep process couples are expected to attend at least two of the monthly G.R.A.C.E. sessions in order to open up conversation on matters of faith and prayer in their lives.