

SS. John and Paul 2010-2011 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 19, 21, 22, 24	Identifying with the Catholic Tradition	<i>Key Events in Church History: The 2nd Vatican Council and How It Shapes Our Church Today</i>	Ministry Sunday
October 17, 19, 20, 22	Living a Catholic Moral Life	<i>Life Issues Today</i>	Respect Life
November 14, 16 17, 19	Believing as Catholics	<i>The Creed Unpacked</i>	Ecumenical Service
January 16, 18, 19, 21	Exploring Scripture as Catholics	<i>Getting Acquainted with the Gospel of Matthew</i>	Sunday Gospels
February 13, 15, 16, 18	Catholic Social Teaching	<i>Peace and Violence—Family Related</i>	Martyrs of the Church
March 13, 15, 16, 18	Growing As Sacramental People	<i>Reconciliation</i>	Lent
April 10, 12, 13, 15	Catholic Prayer	<i>Praying Through Holy Week & Easter</i>	Tridium

2. AGE-SPECIFIC G.R.A.C.E GATHERINGS

Junior High Gatherings: 7th & 8th Grades

October - 8th grade only
 December - 7th grade only
 January - 7th & 8th grade sessions will be at separate times TBA
 3rd session - TBA

Early Childhood Program: Ages 3 1/2—5 yrs. During the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass

Oct. 3, 10, 24, 31 / Nov. 7, 21, / Dec. 12, 19, / Jan. 9, 23, 30 / Feb. 6, 20, 27 / Mar. 6, 20, 27 / Apr. 3, 17

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: Oct. 25/26 Session 2: Nov. 8/9 Session 3: Nov. 22/23 Session 4: Nov. 29/30

Winter: Session 5: Jan. 24/25 Session 6: Jan. 31/Feb. 1 Session 7: Feb. 21/22
 Session 8: Feb. 28/Mar. 1

Senior High Gatherings 9th thru 12th Grades Watch bulletin for details

September	Lock In	TBA
October	Corn Maze	TBA
November	Raking of the Leaves	TBA
December	Scavenger Hunt Food Drive	TBA
January	Rainbow	

Adult Formation Opportunities:

- *Scripture series on Luke:* These sessions will be offered at two different times on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. September 15, 29, October 6, 13, 27, November 3, 17, 24
- *Women's Scripture Reflection:* Thursday, October 1 at 9:30 a.m. and every other Thursday following. Watch the bulletin for details.
- *Parish Book Review:* In the Beginning, There Were Stories by William Bausch Watch the bulletin for details.
- *Wisdom Bytes:* Watch the bulletin for details of upcoming opportunities.

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.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Parent / Child Session #1: Tues., January 4 6:30 p.m. or Tues., January 11 6:30 p.m.

Presentation of Candidates: Sun., January 16 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses

Parent / Child Session #2: Wed., February 9 6:30 p.m. or Thurs., February 10 6:30 p.m.

Parent / Child Session #3: Wed., March 23 6:30 p.m. or Thurs., March 24 6:30 p.m.

Family Interviews: April 27, May 11 / 25, June 1 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: Tues., October 5 6:30 p.m. or Wed., October 6 6:30 p.m.

Parent / Child Session #2: Wed., November 3 6:30 p.m. or Thurs., November 4 6:30 p.m.

Family Interviews: W/TH December 1 or 2 Between 4-6:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Sacrament: Sat., December 4 3:00 p.m. or Tues., December 14 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For all those who are in the process of preparing for Confirmation. Preparation began last spring.

Candidate Session: Sat., August 28th. Session begins with 5:00 p.m. Mass and ends at 8:30 p.m.

Candidate Session: Sat., September 11th. Session begins with 5:00 p.m. Mass and ends at 8:30 p.m.

Candidate Final Interview: Tues., October 12th 3:00-8:00 p.m. or Wed., October 13th 3:00-6:30 p.m.
Candidates must call to schedule their interview.

Retreat at St. Benedict's: Sun., October 24th 1:00-8:30 p.m. Includes Mass

Rehearsal: Wed., December 1 6:30 p.m.

Celebration of Sacrament: Saturday, December 4 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

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, July 18, 11:30 a.m. mass, Saturday, August 28, 5:00 p.m. mass, Sunday, September 19, 9:30 a.m. mass, Sunday, October 17, 11:30 a.m. mass, Saturday, November 20, 5:00 p.m. mass, Sunday, December 19, 9:30 a.m. mass, Sunday, January 16, 11:30 a.m. mass, Saturday, February 19, 5:00 p.m. mass, Easter Sunday, April 24, 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. mass, Saturday, May 21, 5:00 p.m. mass, Sunday, June 19, 9:30 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.