

## What will my child learn this year?

**Preschool/Kindergarten** focuses on the parables of the Kingdom of God, the Good Shepherd, the Altar, Baptism, the places of the Bible, and prayer. To memorize: Sign of the Cross and Hail Mary.

**Grade 1** focuses on God's love for us in creating the world, as well as and the Mass. To memorize: Our Father and Parts of the Mass.

**Grade 2** focuses on preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion. To memorize: Act of Contrition, the Great Commandment and the seven Sacraments.

**Grade 3** focuses on Scripture, as well as exploring the Mass and moral values more deeply. To memorize: Continue strengthening what's learned in Preschool – Grade 2.

**Grade 4** focuses on the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes as guides for living. To memorize: The Ten Commandments.

**Grade 5** focuses on salvation history as revealed in Sacred Scripture, especially the Old Testament. To memorize: Parts of the Bible.

**Grade 6** focuses on how God reveals God's Self to us and on the life of Jesus. To memorize: The Apostles Creed .

**Grade 7/8** focuses on making moral decisions based on the Ten Commandments and on understanding the Eucharist. To memorize: Ten Commandments (revisited from Gr. 4) and the Order of the Mass.

**Grade 9** focuses on ensuring the students understand the basics of the Catholic faith, choose to be a disciple of Christ and begin the process of preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. To memorize: Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy.

**Grade 10** focuses on how one lives as an adult disciple of Christ in vocation, prayer, sacraments, and virtue, as well as preparation for Confirmation. To memorize: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and prayers Come Holy Spirit, the Memorare, and Soul of Christ..



## Blessed Sacrament/St. Pascal's Youth Mission Trip to Nashville July 14 - 22, 2018

Join a group of parish youth as we head out this coming summer to serve in Nashville, Tennessee! In addition to home repairs and painting, we'll also be working with a day care and food bank. On the way to Nashville we'll doing some sightseeing, as well as enjoying a free day in Nashville at the end of the week to explore.

Who: Youth currently in Grades 8 and up

Cost: To be determined, but with the help of establish fundraisers, will be kept affordable to families.

Contact Julie for more information



# Faith Formation News

A newsletter for families of Blessed Sacrament  
September 2017

## Who Are These People Who Teach Your Children Every Wednesday Evening? And Why Do They Do It?



A few weeks ago the catechists gathered for their annual opening meeting. It was amazing to see them all gathered there, from age 17 to 75, and to know that whatever is happening with their family, their school, their job, and the rest of their life, it's put aside for an hour and 15 minutes (plus significant prep time) every Wednesday as they share the Catholic faith with our kids.

Just as parents do with their children, these catechists worry about not teaching their students enough before they leave. They worry about not knowing enough themselves. They worry that they will not be able to handle the spirited preschooler or the sassy teen. They worry that they are not getting through to the kids.

But even with all those worries, they dig in, pray to the Holy Spirit, plan lessons, and brainstorm creative methods to teach about a sacrament or a story from Scripture. They celebrate lessons that work and re-evaluate those that don't. They attend training and read books to become better teachers. They think about their students during the day at random moments, wondering how they can reach the child who is shy or the child who hides behind sarcasm or the child

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### Coming Up:

**Sept. 29 - Oct. 1:** Youth take pledges for the Walk for Life after all weekend Masses

**Oct. 4: Feast of St. Francis!** Faith Formation students invited to bring in a photo of their pet(s) to post on our St. Francis display

**Oct. 7: Walk for Life** fundraiser for Options for Women 9 am—Noon (see inside)

**Oct. 11:** Faith Formation Class #2 and **Evangelium class for adults** with Fr. Erickson starts

**Oct. 15: Family Trip to St. Paul's Monastery** to visit Our Lady of Fatima shrine

**Oct. 15: Information Meeting for Youth Mission Trip** at 6:30 pm at St. Pascals

**Oct. 18:** No Faith Formation class because of MEA break

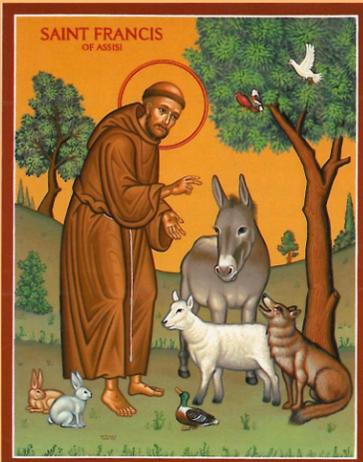
**Oct. 25:** We pray the **Rosary of Light** during our class session

**Nov. 1: All Saints Day Mass**  
NEW THIS YEAR: All students are invited to dress up as saints for our "Meet the Saints" event



Information Meeting on  
Sunday, October 15  
6:30 - 8:00 pm  
St. Pascal's Church

## Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi!



On Wednesday, October 4th, bring a photo of your beloved pet or another animal to pin to our St. Francis display that evening!



Nicole, our 4th grade catechist, brought her dog Princess to visit her class last spring. Please, just photos of your beloved pets on October 4th!



**Options | EAST**  
for Women  
A TLC PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

# STAND UP & WALK FOR LIFE

Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> 9am-Noon

**Teens in Grades 6 - 12:** Come join the Blessed Sacrament Youth Team as we Stand Up and Walk for Life!

- Meet here at Blessed Sacrament at 9am, walk to Options for Women East, a pregnancy resource center at 891 White Bear Ave.
- Tour the clinic and return to Blessed Sacrament for a **Free BBQ** provided by the Knights of Columbus!
- The walk is about 1.5 miles round trip.
- You can collect pledges from family or friends if you're able, or just walk for the money generously pledged by parishioners. See Julie for pledge sheet if you'd like one.

To join us, fill out a permission form and let Julie know your t-shirt size. Confirmation students can finish 3 of their 20 service hours by participating.

**Families: We'd love to have you come do the walk, too!**  
Contact Julie for more info, or simply come that morning!

## Family Bike Outing

to St. Paul's Monastery  
Sunday, October 15th  
Noon - 2:00 pm



All families welcome!

- Leave at noon from Blessed Sacrament Church
- Bike to St. Paul's Monastery in Maplewood (about 3 miles)
- Pray the rosary at their shrine to Our Lady of Fatima
- Hear the story of the children of Fatima and how they were visited by Mary in 1917 - a hundred years ago!
- Short tour of the Monastery with Sr. Mary Lou
- Have a treat and then bike back to Blessed Sacrament (return about 2:00)
- **BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR HELMET!**
- If it's raining, we will drive in cars instead. Families who prefer not to bike are welcome to meet us at the Monastery at 12:30.
- To sign up, contact Julie at [jtaylor@blessedsacramentsp.org](mailto:jtaylor@blessedsacramentsp.org).

### Who Are These People? (continued from Page 1)

with a learning disability. They ponder how they can share their own love of Christ in a way that ignites faith. They pray, quite a bit, for the children they teach.

Like parents, our catechists realize that their efforts generally show no immediate results, and in fact, that they will probably never see the end result of the seeds they plant. And yet they continue to trust in the Holy Spirit and to be conduits for the grace of God to enter the lives of the children. They are simply amazing. Stop by after class to introduce yourself to your child's catechist, and you will find out how wonderful they are!

Sharing the riches of the Catholic Faith

## EVANGELIUM

PRAYER

MORALS

SACRAMENTS

CREED



**Wednesdays**  
**6:30—7:45 pm**  
Beginning October 11th  
Blessed Sacrament  
Robertson Room  
**Cost: Free**

Join Fr. John Paul Erickson as he leads an exploration of the four pillars of the Catholic faith through art in this amazing course:

- Explore the full panorama of the Catholic faith using the Evangelium series.
- Survey the enduring realities of our faith through its most beautiful art and music.
- This course is for all adults, from those new to the faith to those with a lifetime's experience.
- Sessions take place on evenings when Faith Formation is in session.



**No registration necessary.**  
**Come for one session or come for them all!**

For more info, contact Julie Taylor at 651-738-0677, ext. 14.