

# ST. MARK FAITH FORMATION

March 2018

I pray that you are all having a Blessed Lent. We still have quite a few events planned during this most holy tie of the year. If you haven't already, I invite you to attend one or more of our upcoming opportunities. I have attached a copy of the Lenten Activities sheet in case you missed it in the bulletin.

Some suggested activities are mentioned under Adult Faith Formation. Please note that many are open to all ages not just adults. I especially suggest the Fellowship Mondays. ;) Come for as long of the activities as your schedule allows.

## Monthly Family Challenge...

Has your family enjoyed these monthly challenges? Do you feel they assist with helping you grow together as a family? I would love your feedback, including any suggestions or ways to improve.

March -

- Attend a Stations of the Cross opportunity together as a family. Available every Monday of Lent (5:30pm) and Wednesday, March 14 - Youth Living Stations (7:00pm).
- Read through Christ's Passion story together as a family. (Mark 14:1 - 15:47)

## Religious Education Information...

Protection of Children

*Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),*

*Attached to this newsletter is the fourth of a five part series of parent NewsNotes from the Office for the Protection of Children from the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The purpose of these publications is to help all of us be more informed of the issues and topics related to the abuse of children. It is our sincere hope that by partnering together we can continually provide the safest possible environment for all our young people to grow into healthy, Christ-filled adults. Additional resources can be found at the Virtus website at <http://www.virtusonline.org>. Please open the attached file, offered in both English or Spanish.*

Saturday, March 3

- Youth Led Ministries at Mass (4:00pm)
  - Lectors - Ivan Orozco, Cailin Reimer
  - Servers - Lucas Parcel, Chase Koenigsfeld
  - Baskets - Caitlyn Archer, Mitchel Brennan, Zachary Hickethier, Makayla Howland, Zander Last
  - Greeters - Adela Lara, Sofia Orozco, Monse Sanchez, Noelle Winters
  - Gift Bearers - Hunter Miller, Anica Reimer, Joshua Vargas, Kyler Williams
  - Bulletins - Brayton Diedrich, Tate Myers, Guillermo Morales, Raymond Morales

Wednesday, March 7

- Class (6:15-7:30pm)
- Mass (begins at 6:30pm in church)
  - Lectors - Cody Hickethier, Thomas Barnett
  - Cross Bearer - Kolbe Hansen
  - Servers - Mitchel Brennan
  - Greeters - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students
  - Gift Bearers - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students

Wednesday, March 14

- Supper served (5:00-6:05pm)
- Class (6:15-7:30pm)
- Choir Practice (7:00pm - KC Room)

- Youth Living Stations of the Cross (begins at 7:00pm in church)

Wednesday, March 21

- Class (6:15-7:30pm)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Session (6:15-7:30pm)

Wednesday, March 28

- Class (6:15-7:30pm) - Holy Week Lessons
- Choir Practice (6:30pm)

## Sacramental Prep...

- Please keep our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students in your prayers as they continue preparing to receive the sacraments of the Eucharist for the first time.  
*Ella Bridgewater, Kolbe Hansen, Kyli Koenigsfeld, Kymri Koenigsfeld, Adela Lara, Sofia Orozco, Monse Sanchez, and Noelle Winters*
- Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students, please contact Brenda ASAP if you did not receive an email with important dates and information
- Please keep *Hunter and Dylan Miller* in your prayers as they finish preparing to receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

## Youth Ministry Information...

March 3-4

Annual Middle School Lock-In at Webster City (email sent to participants)

Sunday, March 4

Lenten Reflection (5:00-6:00pm)

Sunday, March 11

Lenten Reflection (5:00-6:00pm)

Grades 7-12 - Prep Stations of the Cross (6:30-9:30pm)

Supper Provided

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

Sunday, March 18

Lenten Reflection (5:00-6:00pm)

Sunday, March 25

Lenten Reflection (5:00-6:00pm)

High School YM - Viewing & Discussion of The Passion (6:30-9:00pm)

Supper Provided.

Sunday, April 8

High School YM - Viewing & Discussion of Risen (6:30-9:00pm)

Supper Provided.

## Adult (Family) Faith Formation...

- **Fellowship Mondays** (open to all ages)
  - March 5, March 12, and March 19
  - 5:30pm - Stations of the Cross
  - 6:00pm - Mass
  - 6:30pm - Light Supper, games/videos to follow
- **Cenacle** (open to all ages)
  - Wednesday, March 8 @ St. Mark Church (7:00-8:00pm)
  - Eucharistic Adoration with a mixture of silence and praise/worship music.  
Fr. Kevin will be available for reconciliation during this time.

- Small reception following in the parish hall.
- **Linkage Lenten Date Night**
  - Sunday, March 11 @ St. Mary, Eldora (5:30-7:30pm)
  - Sign up by Sunday, March 4 in foyer of church
  - Childcare provided.
- **Communal Reconciliation Service**
  - Saturday, March 24 @ St. Mark (10:00am)
  - Brunch served afterward in parish hall

If you ever have any questions, suggestions, or concerns please feel free to contact me. If you haven't already, I invite you to add either or both of our Facebook pages to keep up to date on all the latest news and some pictures.

Brenda Koppes  
 St. Mark Director of Faith Formation  
 Office: 641-648-9547  
 Cell Phone: 641-430-0204  
 Email: DBQ108ym@DBQarch.org

## Upcoming Faith Formation Events at St. Mark

### March

- **March 3-4**  
Middle School Lock-In @ Webster City
- **Sunday, March 4**  
Teen Lenten Reflection (5:00-6:00pm)
- **Wednesday, March 7**  
RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)  
Mass (6:30pm)
- **Thursday, March 8**  
Cenacle @ St. Mark (7:00pm)
- **Wednesday, February 7**  
RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)  
Mass (6:30pm)
- **Thursday, February 8**  
Cenacle Eucharistic Adoration (7:00-8:00pm, reception following)
- **Sunday, March 11**  
Teen Lenten Reflection (5:00-6:00pm)  
Linkage Lenten Date Night @ St. Mary, Eldora (5:30-7:30pm)  
YM (Grades 7-12)
- **Wednesday, February 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY**  
RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)  
Mass (6:30pm)

- **Wednesday, February 18**  
 Teen Lenten Reflection (4:15-5:15pm)  
 Q&A session with Fr. Aaron Junge (5:30-6:30pm)  
 Lenten Speaker - Fr. Aaron Junge @ St. Mark (7:00pm)
- **Wednesday, February 21**  
 RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)  
 Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction (6:00-7:30pm) - open to everyone
- **Sunday, February 25**  
 Teen Lenten Reflection (5:00-6:00pm)  
 High School YM (6:15-7:30pm)  
 Mass (6:30pm)
- **Wednesday, February 28**  
 RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)  
 Choir Practice in church (6:30-7:30pm)

## **March**

- **March 3-4**  
 Middle School Lock-In @ Webster City
- **Sunday, March 4**  
 Teen Lenten Reflection (5:00-6:00pm)
- **Wednesday, March 7**  
 RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)  
 Mass (6:30pm)