

ST. MARK FAITH FORMATION

October 2022

We are off to a great start with our classes. Have missed some kiddos due to illness, but hopefully that will subside soon. We have a lot planned for parishioners of all ages in the next few months and hope to see you at many of these events! If you ever have suggestions for gatherings, studies, or other experiences please share your thoughts.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for these upcoming events:

- **Tuesday, October 4 - October Prayer Gathering** (6:15pm in the parish hall)
Adults See more information below.
- **Wednesday, October 5 – October RE Family Mass** (6:30 pm)
Family Students come at 6:15pm as usual, then will come to the church and can sit with their families while fulfilling the numerous liturgical ministry roles. See below for Mas assignments.
- **Saturday, October 8 – Youth Led Ministries at Mass** (5:00pm)
Family The youth fulfill the numerous liturgical ministry roles at Mass. See below for Mas assignments.
- **Wednesday, October 12 – Rosary Gathering** (begins at 6:00pm in parish hall)
Family An evening of food, fellowship, and prayer. (This will count as a RE class time, but we hope parents and siblings will join us.) *You are welcome and encouraged to bring rosaries with you!*
 - *Supper* – Knights of Columbus will make burgers and hot dogs, beginning at 6:00pm. *Everyone is encouraged to bring a non-dessert side.*
 - *Prayer* – We will pray the Rosary together with students and their families leading the prayers.
 - *End of night* – We will end the night enjoying a special dessert provided by our Women’s Group. There will also be door prizes awarded for adult and youth.
- **Monday, October 17 – How Do You Say... Gathering** (6:00pm in parish hall)
Adults See more information below.
- **Monday, October 24 – Faith Formation Team** (5:30pm)
Adults We are developing a team to help plan events to bring parishioners together for social and faith filled events. We would love for you to join us and share your input.

Masses:

Students scheduled should be at the church at least 10 minutes prior to Mass and check

in with me. If they are unable to fulfill their ministry role, it is your responsibility to find a replacement and let me know of the change.

RE FAMILY MASS - Wednesday, October 17 (8:00am).

Lectors – *Addison Fett, Ella Bridgewater, Elsie Fett*

Servers – *Owen Fett, Kael Williams*

Cross Bearer – *Kamden Hansen*

Greeters – *High School Students*

Gift Bearers – *Grades 2-4*

RE FAMILY MASS - Saturday, October 8 (5:00pm).

Lectors – *Kaden Rodamaker*

Servers – *Zander Last, Bennett Bridgewater*

Greeters & Bulletins – *Summit Brigewater, Halie Hippen, Holden Hippen, Jonas Lara*

Ushers (Baskets) – *Zach Hickethler, Jalyn McDonald, Sofia Orozco, Adela Lara*

Gift Bearers – *Dolcey Kulow, Bobby Oehlert, Ann Oehlert*

NEW THIS YEAR: These past couple years we have been encouraged to put more focus on Domestic Church (the family). We have been trying to find ways to support this at the parish level. After the tremendous success of the St. Mark Festival last year, we put together a group to help promote growing in faith together as a family. We will provide opportunities in October (Rosary Gathering), December (focus on Advent/Christmas), February (focus on Lent), and April (St. Mark Festival). As a fun incentive, we will have crosses hanging in the parish hall with each family's name on it. For each opportunity attended a piece of the cross will be colored in. We look forward to seeing all the completed beautiful crosses this spring. If you are interested in knowing more please let us know, and be sure to check out the crosses whenever you are in the parish hall.

Kindergarten – Grade 5:

• ***Class Schedule...***

Wednesday, October 5 – RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)

Mass (6:30pm)

Wednesday, October 12 – RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)

Rosary Gathering (Begins at 6:00pm – see above)

Wednesday, October 19 – RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)

Grade 5 – Theology of the Body Session

Wednesday, October 26 – RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)

- See information above regarding special **Masses (Oct. 4 & 8)** and Rosary Service

- **MaginifKid...** These youth Mass tools are again available as you enter the church for your child to pick up as you enter the church. These are a great way to help your children, and maybe yourself, keep focused and follow along during Mass.

Grades 6-8:

- **Class Schedule...**
 - Wednesday, October 5 – RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)
Mass (6:30pm)
 - Wednesday, October 12 – RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)
Rosary Gathering (Begins at 6:00pm – see above)
 - Wednesday, October 19 – RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)
Grade 5 – Theology of the Body Session
 - Wednesday, October 26 – RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)
- See information above regarding special **Masses (Oct. 4 & 8)** and Rosary Service
- **Youth Ministry...**
 - We hope to resume monthly gathered Youth Ministry sessions soon. Please keep watching for more information.
 - Parents watch for a special YM email this next week regarding a possible upcoming fundraiser.
 - **NCYC...** It's crazy to think about, but it is time to start thinking about NCYC 2024. We will be having an informational meeting for parents and students *currently in grades 8-11* will be held at *3:00pm on Sunday, October 16* in the parish hall. This will be an opportunity to sign-up and start working on details for our trip.

Grades 9-12:

- **Class Schedule...**
 - Sunday, October 2 – RE Class (Noon-3:00pm)
 - Wednesday, October 13 – Rosary Service at church (7:00pm)
 - Sunday, October 17 – RE Class (4:00-6:00pm)
- See information above regarding special **Masses (Oct. 4 & 8)** and Rosary Service
- **Living Faith Booklets...** These prayer booklets are again available as you enter the church for your child to pick up as you enter or exit the church. These are a great way to grow spiritually with short daily reflections.
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Family (and Adult) Faith Formation:

We will continue to offer some fun opportunities throughout the year for all of our families to enjoy together. We hope you will be able to join us occasionally for these events.

- **Prayer Gatherings:**

Join us as we gather to discuss and learn more about the many devotions/prayers the Church has given us. Each month will have a different topic.

- **How Do You Say... Gatherings**

An opportunity to bring more unity to our parish family. Informal gatherings held monthly as we help each other communicate between English and Spanish languages. The main focus of these gatherings will be common vocabulary so we can better communicate.

- **COMING SOON:** Plans are underway for a small group offering for the Advent season (and a little more). Watch for more details later this month.

As always, do not hesitate to reach out if you would like more information or have any questions.

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