

ST. MARK FAITH FORMATION

January 2019

Happy New Year!! I pray you are all having a wonderful Christmas season and that you have made many wonderful memories. Please remember that this weekend (January 5/6) Mass times change. The new schedule is:

Saturday 4:00pm - St. Mary, Eldora

Saturday 6:30pm - St. Mary, Ackley

Sunday 8:00am - St. Mark, Iowa Falls

Sunday 10:30am - St. Patrick, Hampton

Sunday 5:30pm – St. Patrick, Hampton (Spanish)

By frequent request... There will no be a gumball machine in the office on Wednesday nights. Students are welcome to buy a gumball for a quarter prior to or after class each week. On weeks we have Mass, gumballs will only be available for purchase following class.

FAMILY (AND ADULT) FAITH FORMATION

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

- **Start the year with a clean heart and soul**

Join our RE students for our annual Communal Reconciliation service this Wednesday (January 2). We will begin in the church at 6:30pm.

- **Parent attendance for special RE programming**

All parents are encouraged/expected to attend special events offered during the RE year, this include the RE Mass we have every 1st Wednesday of the month (January 9 this month). This we will also have our annual Christmas Program followed by Birthday party for Jesus. Details for both are below.

- **Alpha (ALPHA)**

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each video talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Sessions will be held two Sundays a month (September-April), for two hours, alternating between Iowa Falls an Eldora.

SACRAMENTAL PREP

- Please keep all our students preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation/Eucharist and Confirmation in your prayers as they continue their faith journeys.

- Reconciliation/Communion –

- Parents will join their student as they celebrate their 1st Reconciliation on Wednesday, January 2.
- 2nd Grade Parent Meeting on Wednesday, January 16 in the church.
- 1st Grade Parent Meeting on Wednesday, January 23 in the church.

- Confirmation –

- Sunday, January 13 - Session @ St. Mark, Iowa Falls (noon-2:00pm)
- Sunday, January 27 – Session@ St. Mary, Eldora (noon-2:00pm)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades Kindergarten thru 5

- **Class Schedule...**

Wednesday, January 2 (6:15-7:30pm)

Communal Reconciliation for **students in Grade 2-10 & parents** (6:30pm)

Wednesday, January 9 (6:15-7:30pm)

Mass for **parents and students** begins at 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 16 (6:15-7:30pm)

Wednesday, January 23 (6:15-7:30pm)

Wednesday, January 30 (6:15-7:30pm)

- **MagnifiKid...** These wonderful booklets are made available every week inside the church entrance. These are perfect for our younger parishioners to follow along during Mass (especially with the harder words). We encourage booklets to be taken home as they do have prayer suggestions and activities for that week, new (current) ones will be put out each week. If you miss a week, the previous ones will be sitting next to the back, feel free to take one home with you.

Grades 6 thru 8

- **Class Schedule...**

Wednesday, January 2 (6:15-7:30pm)

Communal Reconciliation for **students in Grade 2-10 & parents** (6:30pm)

Wednesday, January 9 (6:15-7:30pm)

Mass for **parents and students** begins at 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 16 (6:15-7:30pm)

Wednesday, January 23 (6:15-7:30pm)

Wednesday, January 30 (6:15-7:30pm)

- **NCYC...** If you are interested in NCYC in November 2019 you MUST attend our next meeting on Sunday, January 6 at 6:00pm. At least one parent must attend with participant. We will meet in the parish hall, please use the chapel entrance.
- **Youth Ministry...** Students in 6th grade are invited to begin attending Middle School Youth Ministry (MSYM) events. Upcoming Events...
 - Sunday, January 13 (6:30-8:00pm) – Use back parking lot upstairs door.
 - Looking ahead... Students will be asked to sign up to work a shift at the annual Turkey Dinner.
 - Annual WAY Lock-In in Webster City will be on March 2-3, watch for more information.

Grades 9 thru 12

- **Class Schedule...**

Wednesday, January 2 (6:15-7:30pm)

Communal Reconciliation for **students in Grade 2-10 & parents** (6:30pm)

Wednesday, January 9 (6:15-7:30pm)

Mass for **parents and students** begins at 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 16 (6:15-7:30pm)

Wednesday, January 23 (6:15-7:30pm)

Wednesday, January 30 (6:15-7:30pm)

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- **Youth Ministry...** Upcoming Events...
 - Sunday, January 20 (6:30-8:30pm)

Wishing you all a wonderful 2019!!

Brenda Koppes, St. Mark Director of Faith Formation

Faith Formation Calendar of Events at St. Mark

JANUARY

- **Wednesday, January 2**
RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)
Communal Reconciliation (6:30pm)
- **Sunday, January 6**
Catechist In-Service (following Mass)
NCYC Meeting (6:00pm)
Youth Ministry: Grades 9-12 (6:00-8:00pm)
- **Wednesday, January 9**
RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)
RE Family Mass (6:30pm)
Parent Meeting for grades 5-10 (following Mass)
- **Sunday, January 13**
Cluster Confirmation Class @ Iowa Falls (noon-2:00pm)
Cluster Alpha @ Iowa Falls (noon-2:00pm)
Middle School YM (6:30-8:00pm)
- **Wednesday, January 16**
RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)
2nd Grade Parents Meeting (6:15pm)
- **Sunday, January 20**
High School YM (6:30-8:30pm)
- **Wednesday, January 23**
RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)
1st Grade Parents Meeting (6:15pm)
- **Sunday, January 27**
Cluster Alpha @ Eldora
Cluster Confirmation Class @ Eldora (noon-2:00pm)
- **Sunday, January 30**
RE Class (6:15-7:30pm)

FEBRUARY

- **Sunday, February 3**
Youth Led Ministries at Mass (8:00am)
Souper Bowl of Caring Collection
Cluster Confirmation Class @ Iowa Falls (9:30-11:30am)