

# ST. MARK FAITH FORMATION – 3/20/19

Welcome back! I hope those of you that were able to get away for Spring Break had a time and made some wonderful memories as a family.

This week I will have an assortment of Mary's Meals apparel available for purchase before and after class. Feel free to stop in and check them out.

## 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.

- **Stations of the Cross**

Join our students this week as the high school students lead us in a special Stations of the Cross reflection. We will begin at 7:00pm in the church. Come join us for this special time of prayer this Lenten season.

- **Lenten Speakers**

We encourage you to come us as often as you can. We have been blessed this year to be able to offer wonderful witness to share their experiences on a variety of topics.

- March 24 - Following Mass w/ breakfast served

Ellen Miller will be back to discuss Mary's Meals. Come hear more about her trips to Malawi, how Mary's Meals has grown this past year, and what you can do to help with wonderful cause.

- March 31 - 4:00pm in the Parish Hall (snacks provided)

We encourage you to come hear Fr. Jerry Kopacek, a priest in the Archdiocese of Dubuque, as he discusses the Church's stance on LGBTQ+ issues. This important topic can be confusing and is often misunderstood by many Catholics. (He will be talking to our high school students earlier in the day.)

- April 7 - Following Mass w/ breakfast served

One of our own, Maggie Cooper, will share her experiences as she traveled to 11 countries in 11 months with World Race Missions. She experienced life in many countries most of us would never even think of going to, and did so to live the Gospel and share God's love with others.

- **Faith & Fellowship Mondays – Mondays during Lent**

We invite you to join us on Monday nights during Lent. The nights will begin at 5:00pm with Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass at 5:30pm. Following Mass a supper will be provided down in the parish hall (beginning about 6:00pm). A variety of games will be provided and videos showing, both for audiences of all ages. You are welcome to join us as often as you can, and for as much of the evening as your schedule allows.

## SACRAMENTAL PREP

- **Reconciliation...**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Continue to work on lessons at home.
- Make-up Parent and Student session – Watch you email for more information

- **Communion...**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Continue to work on lessons at home.

- **Confirmation...** (NOTE SLIGHT TIME CHANGE)

- Sunday, March 31 – Session @ St. Mark, Iowa Falls (11:45am-2:00pm).

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Grades Kindergarten thru 5

- **Class Schedule...**

Wednesday, March 20 (6:15-7:30pm)

Youth Led Stations of the Cross **for all parishioners** begins at 7:00pm in the church

Wednesday, March 27 (6:15-7:30pm)

- **MagnifiKid...** These 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).

## Grades 6 thru 8

- **Class Schedule...**

Wednesday, March 20 (6:15-7:30pm)

Youth Led Stations of the Cross **for all parishioners** begins at 7:00pm in the church

Wednesday, March 27 (6:15-7:30pm)

- **Youth Ministry...**

- Check your email for a great opportunity coming up - Annual Middle School Mission Trip  
Deadline to sign up is March 27!

- **NCYC...**

- Great job on tamale sales. Watch for an email later today for a work schedule. We need all the help we can get, so even if you did not sell any we need you to come help.
- SCRIP Sales begin April 1. Email with details coming next week.

## Grades 9 thru 12

- **Class Schedule...**

Wednesday, March 20 (6:15-7:30pm)

Youth Led Stations of the Cross **for all parishioners** begins at 7:00pm in the church

Wednesday, March 27 (6:15-7:30pm)

- **Youth Ministry...**

- Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Sunday, April 14 for our showing of The Passion. Supper provided. (5:00-8:00pm)

- **NCYC...**

- Great job on tamale sales. Watch for an email later today for a work schedule. We need all the help we can get, so even if you did not sell any we need you to come help.
- SCRIP Sales begin April 1. Email with details coming next week.

Have a great night and I look forward to seeing you tomorrow night!

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