



Welcome to our 2016-2017 Faith Formation Program

WELCOME BACK to a new year of Faith Formation! We hope summer was a refreshing time for you and your family and that you are looking forward to the school year ahead.

The Faith Formation newsletter is published three times a year to provide you with a condensed program schedule. A Faith Formation calendar is included in each issue; refer to it for important information about classes, liturgical opportunities and parent sessions. Copies will be distributed during Faith Formation evenings; you can also find them on the parish website and Faith Formation bulletin board in the church,

and outside the Faith Formation Office. Contact us if you would like us to email a copy to you.

Our new year got underway **September 7**. It is not too late to sign up for classes! We offer preparation for first Holy Eucharist and first Reconciliation for 2nd graders, and catechesis for students in Grades 7 and 8. Confirmation preparation is available for students beginning in Grade 9. For those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, we have the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

This year's Family Formation program is a new bible study for K-6

grade students and their families. Gen2Rev, by Emily Cavins, presents salvation history in storybook format, starting with the creation of the world in Genesis through the Wedding Supper of the Lamb in Revelation. The study was designed to lay a foundation for better understanding the Bible and the teachings of the Church.

We look forward to our journeying together as we grow into deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.



Prayer to St. Joseph for Our Family

Gracious St Joseph, protect my family and all other families from danger, as you did protect the baby Jesus and His mother from the wrath of king Herod.

Pray for us, that we respect, love and care

for each other in our family as you were with Mary and Jesus. Help us to be understanding and forgiving towards each other.

Most of all St Joseph, bring us closer to Jesus. St Joseph, please

pray for our family. Amen.

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Faith Formation Calendar Sept.–Dec. 2016

Family & Youth Formation

A Friendly Reminder to Parents:
Please keep up with your home study lessons!

September 2016

Sept. 7 Wed. 6:30pm
Family Formation begins
K-6 PARENTS & STUDENTS, Grades 7&8, Confirmation II

Sept. 14 Wed. 6:30pm
Confirmation II

Sept. 21 Wed. 6:30pm
Grades 7&8, Confirmation II

Sept. 28 Wed. 6:30pm
Confirmation I

Sept. 29 Thurs. 7:00pm
1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting

October 2016

Oct. 5 Wed. 6:30pm
K-6, Grades 7&8, Confirmation I

Oct. 12 Wed. 7:00pm
Parish Mission

Oct. 19 Wed. 6:30pm
Grades 7&8, Confirmation I

Oct. 26 Wed. 6:30 pm
Confirmation II Parents, Sponsors & Candidates

November 2016

Nov. 2 Wed. 6:30pm
OPCY Family Formation (K-6), Grades 7&8, Confirmation I

Nov. 6 Sun. 2:00pm
Sacrament of Confirmation/
CATHEDRAL

Nov. 16 Wed. 6:30pm
Grades 7&8, Confirmation I

December 2016

Dec. 7 Wed 6:30pm
Family Formation, Confirmation I

Dec. 14 Wed. 6:30pm
Grades 7&8, Confirmation I

Dec. 21 Wed. 6:30pm
Grades 7&8

RCIA

Thursday evenings in 2016:

Sept. 29

Oct. 6, 20, 27

Nov. 3, 17

Dec. 1, 15

Classes continue through May 18, 2017.

First Reconciliation

Sept. 29 Thurs. 7:00pm Family Formation and ICS Parents meeting in school auditorium.

Oct. 5 Wed. 6:30pm preparation begins for students in Family Formation class.

Dec. 3 Sat. 10am
First Reconciliation

Please contact the Faith Formation office for additional assistance in preparing for this sacrament.



First Eucharist

First Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday, **May 21, 2017**. The first class for Faith Formation students will be held on Wednesday, **January 11** at 6:30pm. Look for additional preparation dates in the next newsletter.



Save the Date

PARISH MISSION

The Church as the Ark of the Covenant to Our Heavenly Homeland

with Fr. Lou Guardiola of The Fathers of Mercy

Oct. 9-13 Sun.-Thurs. 7:00pm

The evening topics will be ...

- The Last Four Things
- Confession
- Holy Eucharist
- The Culture of Life vs. the Culture of Death
- Mary, Mother of God & Mother of the Church

No cost to attend. All are welcome!

WINTERBLAST 2016

Dec. 9-10 Fri. 6:30pm-Sat. 6am

Join youths grades 6-8 from around the archdiocese for an evening (and early morning!) of faith and fun at St. Vincent de Paul Church and Maple Grove Community Center. Cost is \$35 if you register by Nov. 18 (\$50 after Nov. 18) and covers the cost of food and transportation. Catch the bus at the Immaculate Conception Church parking lot and be returned there after the event.

A NIGHT OF ADORATION

Feb. 22 Wed. 7-8pm

Join us for a parish-wide evening of Eucharistic adoration. Refreshments and help with the Giving Tree will follow. Families and youth are strongly encouraged to attend. Families, we welcome you to help serve refreshments. Please call Mary Nawrocki to sign up.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Liturgy of the Word for children will begin September 25. We are pleased with the number of children who join us each week to listen to, to reflect on, and to respond to God's Word.

Liturgy of the Word for Children will be celebrated every Sunday at the 10:00am Mass, except on April 6, Easter Sunday, and May

7. May 21 is First Eucharist, and LOW will be offered for children up to Grade 1. The last Liturgy of the Word for Children is May 14.

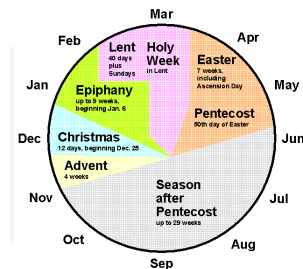
Three- to five-year-old children meet in the Reviewal Room. Kindergarten to Grade 2 meet on the Maranatha Stage.

Our Liturgy of the Word for Chil-

dren Coordinators are Angie Lepsch and Deb Cherland.

If you wish to serve as a helper, leader, or facilitator for this program, please contact the Faith

Formation Office.



VBS or TOTUS TUUS

SUMMER Faith Formation Programs are:

VBS (Vacation Bible School)
or

TOTUS TUUS (Totally Yours™)
and held in June.

Totus Tuus is a Junior/Senior High School Program for 7th-12th Grade and an Elementary

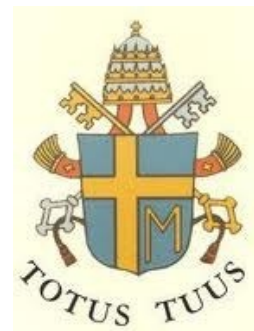
Program for 1st-6th Grade.

NEW! Extreme Faith Camp

A week of faith, fun, and fellowship for middle school students.

Please check the Website for dates:

ICCSonline.org



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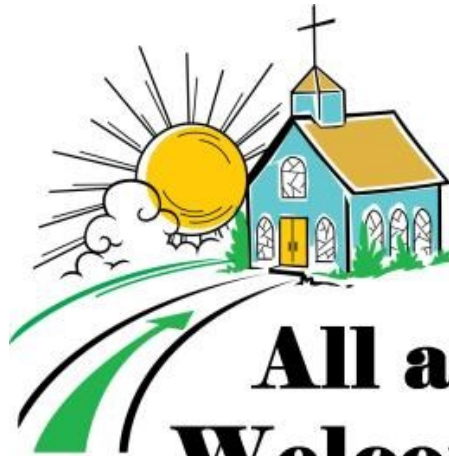
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*"Let the children come to me...for the kingdom
of God belongs to such as these."*

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is to proclaim and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We fulfill our mission as Christian disciples by intentionally responding to God's call to grow in holiness.



Whole Parish Catechesis

FOLLOW ME: GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY

Immaculate Conception Parish offers Bible Study classes to the members of this faith community, supporting personal faith formation through faith sharing, building households of faith, and engaging in active service and outreach.

We are offering two live class options: Mondays at 7 pm, and Wednesdays at 1 pm. Online classes are also available. Cost for the live course and book is \$20. Visit evangelization.com to register online or call Mary Scott in the Faith Formation office at 763-788-9062 x 208.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

All are invited to come and pray before our Lord Jesus Christ in Eucharistic Adoration.

(To cover an hour, call Sandy at 763-789-3246 or Fran at 763-788-0924.)



Preparing Thinkers to Believe

Pastor:

Fr. John Mitchell

Director of Faith Formation:

Mary Nawrocki
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LOW Coordinator:

Angie Lepsch

Catechists:

K, 1, 3 Kim Muellerleile
Grade 2 Jody Kahle-Krautbauer
Grade 4 to be announced
Grade 5-6 Susan Wolney
Grades 7-8 Angie Lepsch

Grades 9-10 Confirmation:

Fr. John Mitchell, Silvia
& Tom Lewandowski

Summer Program:

Becky Dickson