

ST. JOHN'S FAITH FORMATION

Generations of Faith

Generations of Faith is our primary education program at St. John's. Centered in Christ and based on the teaching mission of the church, GOF offers an integrated plan for lifelong learning to all in our parish family. The Generations of Faith approach equips the parish to become a community of learners by creating life long faith formation that is based on the events of Church life and embraces all ages and generations. Generations of Faith promotes faith growth at home through parish preparation programs, and, most importantly, through participation in Church life. The Church is both the curriculum and teacher, and we are all teachers and learners.

The Generations of Faith Curriculum systematically and comprehensively presents the Gospel Message and Catholic tradition through 6 major content areas: *Church Year Feasts and Seasons, Sacraments, Justice and Service, Morality, Prayer and Spirituality, and the Creed*. Each time a content area is revisited, it is presented from a different theological perspective, and guides learners to deeper understanding and fuller participation in the life of the church. Thus learners of all ages continue to grow in their faith, build community within the parish, and develop patterns of learning and praying at home that last throughout their lives.

Dear St. John's Parishioners,

Welcome to our Intergenerational Faith Formation. Whether you are a household of 1 or a household of many, we invite you to participate in **GENERATIONS OF FAITH**.

HOW TO DO IT at GOF

1. **Generations of Faith IS** our parish education program. It is different from youth only programming in that all generations attend, and there is learning across age levels. Parents' presence sends an immediate message of the importance of growing in your faith!! The presence of adults enriches everyone's learning and sharing. In addition, Generations offers lifelong learning, with sessions organized around the 6 foundational themes of our faith. ALL households are welcome, whether you are a household of 1 or 12!!
2. Participation cost per year is \$20.00 per individual, \$35.00 per couple, \$75.00 per family (4 persons +), and \$10.00 for senior citizens.
3. You may register by filling out the registration form and dropping it off at the parish office or in the collection basket on Sunday.
4. You may attend the evening of your choice each month, depending on your households' schedule.
5. **Generations of Faith** always begins in Matthews Hall with a meal and introduction to the topic, and ends in the church where we pray together. **The opening and closing enhance your experience and add to your learning, so plan to be at both!**
6. Students in Sacramental Preparation programs (grades 2, 9, & 10) meet one other time per month, and will receive a separate calendar for those sessions. 7th and 8th graders also meet for 7D8 (7th and 8th Grade Disciples) sessions each month, usually on the 1st Wed.
7. There are always **Home Materials** to take with you. The use of these materials is an important part of your learning and reflection. Suggestions for their use will be in the weekly bulletin.
8. Generations of Faith is not a drop off program. Parents are expected to attend as part of the family, and continue their own faith growth, either at the Family Faith Festival OR at the adult sessions each month.
9. We Welcome you ALL to our monthly sessions. **Generations of Faith** is for learning together as a parish family, participating in church events with more knowledge and understanding, and carrying the learning and reflection to our homes, schools and places of work. This is how we all help God's Kingdom Come!!

Generations of Faith 2008-2009



Christ Leads Us to a Moral Life

*You will receive an updated Calendar in August
which will include Sacramental Sessions, holidays and special events.*

SEPTEMBER 2008 – Laws of Reflection and Respect: Commandments 1 & 2

Wednesday, September 10th: 5:30 – 8:15 (meal from 5:30 – 6 in Matthews Hall)

Thursday, September 11th: 4:30 – 7:15 (meal from 4:30 – 5 in Matthews Hall)

OCTOBER 2008 - Faithful Citizenship: Commandment 5

Wednesday, October 8th 5:30 – 8:15 (meal from 5:30 – 6 in Matthews Hall)

Thursday, October 9th: 4:30 – 7:15 (meal from 4:30 – 5 in Matthews Hall)

NOVEMBER 2008 – Laws of Sharing, Speech and Assurance: Commandments 7, 8, & 10

Wednesday, November 12th: 5:30 – 8:15 (meal 5:30 – 6 in Matthews Hall)

Thursday, November 13th: 4:30 – 7:15 (meal 4:30 – 5 in Matthews Hall)

DECEMBER 2008 – Mercy and Forgiveness (*includes Communal Penance*)

Tuesday, December 9th: 4:30 – 7:15 (meal 4:30 – 5 in Matthews Hall)

Wednesday, December 10th : 5:30 – 8:15 (meal 5:30 – 6 in Matthews Hall)

JANUARY 2009 – Laws of Remembrance and Caring: Commandments 3 & 4

Wednesday, January 14th 5:30 – 8:15 (meal 5:30 – 6 in Matthews Hall)

Thursday, January 15th: 4:30 – 7:15 (meal from 4:30 – 5 in Matthews Hall)

FEBRUARY 2009– Laws of Commitment and Self-Control: Commandments 6 & 9

Wednesday February 4th 5:30 – 8:15 (meal 5:30 – 6 in Matthews Hall)

Thursday, February 5th: 4:30 – 7:15 (meal 4:30 – 5 in Matthews Hall)

MARCH 2009 – Special Theme: The Living Church – God’s Building

Wednesday March 11th : 5:30 – 8:15 (meal 5:30 – 6 in Matthews Hall)

Thursday March 12th: 4:30 – 7:15 (meal 4:30 – 5 in Matthews Hall)

APRIL 2009 – Moral Decision Making in the 21st Century

Wednesday, April 15th: 4:30 – 8:15 (meal 5:30 – 6 in Matthews Hall)

Thursday, April 16th: 4:30 – 7:15 (meal 4:30 – 5 in Matthews Hall)