



Faith Formation News

Churches of St. Peter and St. Paul

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Faith Formation- Gathering of Saints

All members of the community are invited to attend Whole Parish Faith Formation evenings (usually the first Wednesday of the month). When a child is baptized, the community pledges to support the child and family in their faith. We do this by our visibility in the parishes and continuing to learn more about our faith. We are then able to better support new members of our community.

Wednesday, August 25, Back to School Blessing - see below.

Wednesday, September 29, 6:00-8:00 pm, Open House for Faith Formation

Wednesday, October 6, 6:30 pm, First Whole Parish Faith Formation session beginning in St. Paul's church. We will experience praying the Living Rosary. Watch for more details in the September newsletter.

Wednesday, August 25

Back to School Blessing at St. Peter's

Calling all students! Bring your backpacks and school supplies to St. Peter's Church at 6:00 pm. Father Alan will be there to bless everyone's school supplies to ensure a good start to the year. Ice cream sundaes will be available after the blessing. See you there!

Adult Activities

Adults in both parishes had many opportunities to explore their faith this past year. Adult retreats were offered including during Lent and Advent, on weekdays and on Saturdays. Sessions of Lectio Divina were prayed after some morning Masses. There was also a trip to Cathedral High School to hear a presentation on the St. John's Bible. Watch for more this fall.....

September 17 – Mini-Retreat at St. Paul's, 8:45 am
September 23 – Mini-Retreat at St. Peter's, 8:45 am

Children's Corner

Prayer: Tell your children about the Feast of the Assumption, celebrated August 15. If they don't already know it, help them learn the Hail Mary.

Praise through music: There are children's choirs open to grades 2 through 8 at both St. Peter's and St. Paul's parish. Both choirs meet on various Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 and sing about 6-7 Sundays annually. St. Peter's choir meets in the music room just inside Door #7 and sings at various 10:30 liturgies. St. Paul's choir meets in St. Paul's church in the choir area and sings at various 9:00 liturgies. Children may join either choir. Choose the choir that best corresponds with your family's chosen Mass time.

St. Peter's Children's Choir begins September 14

St. Paul's Children's Choir begins September 21

For full schedules, see the bulletin boards at both churches.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Children ages 3 through Grade 4 are invited to break open the Word with catechists in the Community Room on the following dates: **Sunday, August 29** and **Sunday, September 26** at St. Paul's 9:00 am, St. Peter's 10:30 am. Children will be dismissed from church before the First Reading and will rejoin the community after the Petitions. Youth and adults willing to assist should contact GERALYN.

Get Involved

Thank you to all who have volunteered their help in making Faith Formation run smoothly. There are still opportunities available. Please call GERALYN at 251-4831, ext 212 or email her if you are able to help in any of the following areas:

Adult facilitators for discussion-about once per month

Catechists for religion classes, preschool to grade 12

Catechists for Liturgy of the Word with Children

Youth Connection

There have been many opportunities to keep the youth of our parishes busy this summer. Beading, braiding, make your own sundaes, machos and nachos, a girls' manicure afternoon and movie night have been offered for youth. There are more exciting opportunities planned. If you haven't yet been able to join in the fun, there is still time. Read on.....

Jam and Jelly: Many hands make light work. Parishioners have donated many jars and are looking forward to the Annual Youth Jam and Jelly Sale. Youth help is needed in getting the delicious job done. Canning sessions will be:

August 16, 3:00 pm - St. Peter's kitchen

August 17, 3:00 pm - St. Peter's kitchen

Jams and Jellies will be sold on November 13 & 14 at both parishes.

Youth Group Activities:

Mon, Aug 16 – Sr High – 7:30-9:00 pm

Tues, Aug 17 – Jr High – 7:30-9:00 pm

Praise through music: Watch for information on the Youth Choir in the future newsletters.

More Fun Opportunities: Look for more youth opportunities in upcoming months, such as Senior High Youth Rally, Halloween Activities, Salvation Army bell ringing, helping out with Church of the Week, Junior High Youth Rally, Castaway Retreat and more!

Community of Prayer

Last May and June young adults from our two parishes graduated from high school, college and graduate school. This summer many of them are moving away for jobs, college and other adventures. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin the next chapter of their faith journey.

College Connection

All students leaving for college should have been contacted about receiving information about Catholic groups and Masses on your college campus. If you have not received this information, contact Geralyn and she will see that you receive it.

The Faith Formation Team is also interested in keeping in contact with young adults who are moving away to school. Please send your name and school address to Geralyn so we help you stay connected here and at school. Enjoy your new adventure!

SPPM News

What's new at our parishes' school? The custodians have been busy cleaning windows and floors, painting and making everything new for both the school and Faith Formation. When you see them, please tell them thank you for all their hard work over the summer.

Faith Formation Calendar

August

16 – Jam and Jelly Canning – see Youth Connection

16 – Sr High Youth Group, 7:30-9:00 pm

17 – Jam and Jelly Canning – See Youth Connection

17 – Jr High Youth Group, 7:30-9:00 pm

25 – Back to School Blessing, 6:00 pm. Ice Cream sundaes to follow

29 – Liturgy of the Word with Children

9:00 am – St. Paul's

10:30 am – St. Peter's

September

8 – Catechists' meeting, 6:30 pm, dining room, St. Paul's

14 – SPE Children's Choir Rehearsal, 6:00, St. Peter's

15 – Meeting for all Adults and catechists of the parish, 7:00 pm, speaker: Bill Huebsch @ Holy Angels

21 – SPA Children's Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm, St. Paul's

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22 – Catechists' meeting, 6:30 pm dining room, St. Paul's

28 – SPA Children's Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm

26 – Liturgy of the Word with Children

9:00 am – St. Paul's

26 – SPE Children's Choir sings at 10:30 Liturgy

29 – Faith Formation Open House and registration for all families

Faith Formation at Both Sites

Your Faith Formation Team has offices at St. Peter's and St. Paul's. We are generally at St. Paul's on Wednesday and St. Peter's on Thursday. Other days are spent as needed. Feel free to leave messages at either office. They will be checked often.

Please always check the Sunday bulletin for any changes in the above calendar.