

## Sacramental Preparation

*"For he has anointed me."*

*Parents are the primary teachers of their children as they prepare them to receive the Sacraments. As part of the School of Religion (Grades K-5), we complement and assist our parents in preparing our children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. For those who were not baptized as infants, we have a Rite of Christian Initiation for Children program as well.*

*For each Sacrament, parents and children attend workshops and retreats. We support them in the classroom throughout the year as we teach the basics of our faith. Each child who seeks to receive a Sacrament attends School of Religion.*

*We prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Fall. Also known as First Penance, we celebrate this sacrament here at Holy Name. Note omitted materials.*

*We celebrate First Eucharist in the Spring. Please note material deleted here Each candidate must first prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to registering for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Note omitted materials.*

*We celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The dates are assigned by the Diocese, so please make sure you register well in advance.*

*Registration forms for all faith formation programs and for sacramental preparation are available on-line and by request. Click Get in Touch for registration and more information.*

*If you would like to participate in our faith formation and/or sacramental preparation programs, get in touch with Marie Marton at 621.6343 x32 or mmarton@dor.org for more.*

## ***FAITH FORMATION***

***Holy Name of Jesus is part of the Eastern Greece/Charlotte Planning Group. All parishes in this planning group are working together to provide the faith formation program that best compliments your family situation. At Holy Name of Faith Formation classes are offered on Sunday mornings (9:30-10:45AM) and Monday evenings (6:30-7:30PM).***

***Grades K-5 overview:***

***All children who do not attend Catholic School must register and attend faith formation classes. Holy Name uses the Finding God series from Loyola Press. The children learn about their faith through the assistance of some of the most wonderful, dedicated and trained catechists from our own parish. They also learn to live their faith through a number of different and very unique programs made available through this parish. Some of these unique programs are:***

***John please include the bulleted material below.***

**Holy Name of Jesus School of Religion  
Grades 1 to 6**

All children who do not attend Catholic Schools must register and attend the School of Religion classes which take place during the regular school year on Sundays from 9:30am to 10:45am each week. The classes are held in the Parish Center and the SOR Library. We use the Finding God series from Loyola Press. The children learn about their faith through the assistance of some of the most wonderful, dedicated and trained catechists from our own parish. They also learn to live their faith through a number of different and very unique programs made available through this parish. Some of these unique programs are:

- Hosting a particular Mass by serving in various ministerial roles: lectors, greeters, taking part in the offertory procession.
- Taking part in two (2) Awesome Sunday service programs over the course of the year.
- Advent Prayer Service and Rosary Assembly.
- Hosting a Closing Luncheon with Talent Show honoring our senior parishioners.
- Sponsoring a child in Guatemala through the CFCA.
- Writing to friends and families in or related to the parish who are serving in the military in either Iraq or Afghanistan.
- Bringing materials home to share with their families each week to make their faith relevant and real in their world.

If you are interested in registering your child for this program or if you would like to volunteer to assist in this program in any way, please contact Marie Marton at 621-6343x32 or [mmarton@dor.org](mailto:mmarton@dor.org). Registration forms are available in the rear and front entryways to the Church and on the School of Religion web page.

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*Youth Group Overview (Grs. 6-12)--- please contact Dan Anderson (youth leader) for this info.*

*Trifold brochure- keep the one you have. There will be a new one late Spring/early summer*

*Registration forms—keep the one you have. There will be a new one late spring/early summer. Name if Faith Formation Registration forms.*

*Calendar- keep the one you have. There will be a new one mid-summer.*

*Throw out this second sacrament preparation item. It is already covered above.*

*Sacrament—This should be titled Sacrament Registration forms. Keep the one you have. It most likely will not be changed (then again-who knows?)*

*RCIA/C—this is fine. Keep as is.*

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

### **Adult Faith Formation**

*“This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.”*

The study and exploration of our faith doesn't end at Grade 8. We believe that our growth in the Spirit and knowledge is a lifelong journey. These are some of our faith formation programs for adults.

### **Presentations**

Talks and video presentations about our faith are scheduled throughout the course of the year. They take place in the Parish Center during the regularly scheduled School of Religion. While the children are in class, parents and parishioners are invited to take part in these presentations. The topics vary each year. If you would like more information about these presentations, please contact Marie Marton at 621.6343 x32 or [mmarton@dor.org](mailto:mmarton@dor.org). Please check out the faith formation calendar for the dates of upcoming events. Descriptions of those events will be included in the parish bulletins prior to the date of the scheduled event.

Note omitted materials

### **Little Rock Bible Studies**

There are three small groups who meet each year to discuss various books or themes of the Bible. The groups meet in the Fall and at the beginning of each new year. They meet on Sunday mornings (9:30AM) and Tuesday afternoons (12:30PM). There is also a Thursday night group, which meets at a parishioner's house. Note omitted material. If you are interested in joining any one of these groups or would like further information, please contact Marie Marton at 621.6343 x32 or [mmarton@dor.org](mailto:mmarton@dor.org).

### **Women's Retreat**

Each Spring, a number of women attend a spiritual retreat in Skaneateles, NY at the Stella Maris Retreat and Renewal Center. Note omitted material. These weekends provide an opportunity for women to spend some time refocusing their spirituality in the affable company of other women. Note omitted material. Registration forms are available in the pamphlet racks at the front and rear entryways of the Church. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Marton at 621.6343x 32 or [mmarton@dor.org](mailto:mmarton@dor.org).

### **Parish Fall Mission**

It has been a long held tradition at Holy Name of Jesus that a speaker is invited to the parish for a number of evenings to encourage all parishioners to move forward on their journey of faith. These missions take place in the Fall. Upcoming topics will be listed in the parish bulletins.

### **Lenten Retreats**

Holy Name of Jesus is part of the Eastern Greece/Charlotte Catholic Churches planning group. For a number of years, these churches have been working together to present programs pertinent to the Lenten Season. Each parish will host a topic on Thursday evenings. The topics will vary and will be advertised in the parish bulletins.