

ST. JOHN'S



Companions on the Journey of Faith

Intergenerational Offering
2020-2021

A Family of Believers: Called and Sent by Jesus February-Jesus Proclaiming in Word and Deed.

Jesus preaches of the great transformation we've been waiting and praying for – the Kingdom.

Lent is a time for building toward something new –

How can our households be better by the end of Lent? How can our parishes be better?

Scripture Connection:

[Mark Chapter 1](#)

Church Teachings: Catechism of the Catholic Church *The Kingdom of God*

CCC 543 Everyone is called to enter the kingdom. This messianic Kingdom is intended to accept all of all nations. To enter it, one must first accept Jesus' word.



CCC 544 The kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly... Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active toward them the condition for entering his kingdom.

CCC 545 Jesus invites sinners to the table of the kingdom. The supreme proof of his love is the sacrifice of his own life.

CCC 567 The Kingdom of heaven was inaugurated on earth by Christ. The Church is the seed and beginning of this kingdom. Her keys are entrusted to Peter.

CRS Rice Bowls-WE ARE

CALLED Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl in the church entry following Ash Wednesday Mass. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Faith for All:

Check out all the special pages for...

Adults

Families

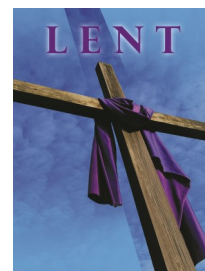
Teens

Children

Saint of the Month: *Sr. Thea Bowman*

Our Catholic Traditions: *The Papacy*

Liturgical Year Connections: *Lent*



Parish Connection and Faith in Action:

We have some people right here in our parish and community who are lonely and don't have anyone to draw them a picture or send them a card. Some of them are older or sick and can't leave their homes anymore because it's too hard to get around. Some have to stay home so they don't catch Covid. And some just don't have any family nearby to keep them company. So, we are going to send them cards. You can make homemade cards or buy them. If you know someone personally—send it to them directly. If you need help sending it to someone in the parish, write their name on

it and get it to us. If you don't know anyone personally, just draw pictures or write some nice cards to let some people know they're thought of and that you're praying for them. We'll put names on them and deliver them. Contact Kelly in the office for assistance. re@stjohnsadel.org, 515-993-4590.





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Faith for All: Adults

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Don't miss our adult session for the month!

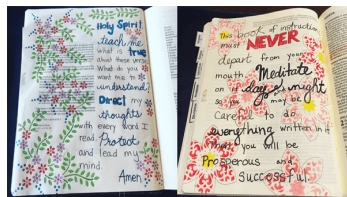
We are pleased to have Carole Eipers join us for the main intergenerational session in addition to the [Adult Formation Video](#) this month. Dr. Carole Eipers is National Catechetical Advisor for William H. Sadlier, Inc. She served in parish ministries for over 20 years as a teacher, Director of Religious Education, Youth Minister, and Pastoral Associate. Carole was Director of the Office for Catechesis for the Archdiocese of Chicago for nine years, and also served as President of the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership. Learn more about her through the NCCL website [here](#).

The practice of spiritual journaling CAN deepen your relationship with God. [Read More...](#)

There are many ways to get started. [Read More...](#)

Scripture is meant to be held. [Read more from US Catholic.](#)

There are many symbols for Jesus. Which one's do you know? [Find out from Loyola Press.](#)

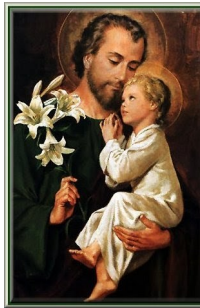


Bible Journaling HOW TO GET STARTED



[The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention:](#)
Victims of Violence

[Prayer Video](#)



On December 8th, 2020 Pope Francis proclaimed this the Year of St. Joseph. What does this mean? How does modeling our life after this blessed saint help us serve God and nurture holy families? The Pope's

Apostolic Letter, [Patris Corde](#),

(With a Father's Heart) helps us to see how an ordinary man had a pivotal role in the Salvation Story. Here are a few more resources to help you understand St. Joseph and why we should pray for his intercession

[Pope Francis Proclaims the Year of St. Joseph / Church Grants Plenary Indulgence for the year of St. Joseph / Consecration to St. Joseph Year of St. Joseph / Year of St. Joseph Prayers](#)



Feed Your Soul with Prayer this Lent!
Nothing will transform your life so completely, absolutely, and forever like really learning how to pray. That's why this year's BEST LENT EVER journeys through Matthew Kelly's latest book. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, you will receive a daily email with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and your God. Open your heart and sign up for BEST LENT EVER! Visit [Dynamic Catholic](#) NOW!



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Prayer Jars

can be used all year round. Lent is a good time to be intentional and show God our gratitude through

prayer, fasting and alms giving. This Lent, make a Lenten Prayer Jar. It can be filled with prayers, things you're grateful for, or good deeds for you to do. Your family can decide what type of jar you want to make.

[How to Make a Prayer Jar](#)

[Pray, Fast, Give Ideas](#)

[10 Ways Creations can Move us to Prayer and Gratitude.](#)

Lent in a Bag: 2021 PRAYER WITH JESUS

Is an opportunity for every household to share, discuss and reflect upon Jesus in the gospels. Each bag contains six objects and six scripture readings, one for each week of Lent. K-8 Faith Formation Youth will bring home a bag on 2/10 or 2/24. More bags will be available for any St. John's Household on the First Sunday of Lent 2/21. It is our hope that your time spent in prayer will bring you closer to the gospel message and [Kingdom of God](#).

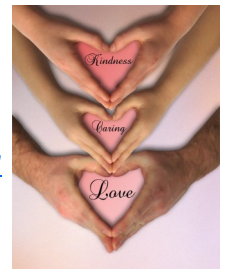


Parents: Don't forget to take care of yourself. You will have more to give your family when you do. [One Mom's experience written for US Catholic.](#)



More ways to make your Lent Meaningful...

As a family, stand in a circle facing one another and hold hands. Pray the Lord's Prayer slowly together. Have each person share a way that they will sacrifice, be a self-gift for another family member. Now, have your circle turn outward and hold hands again. Pray the Lord's Prayer again. This time have each person share a way that they will sacrifice, be a self-gift for the world. Visit [CRS Rice Bowls](#) for inspirational stories of HOPE and ways to sacrifice.



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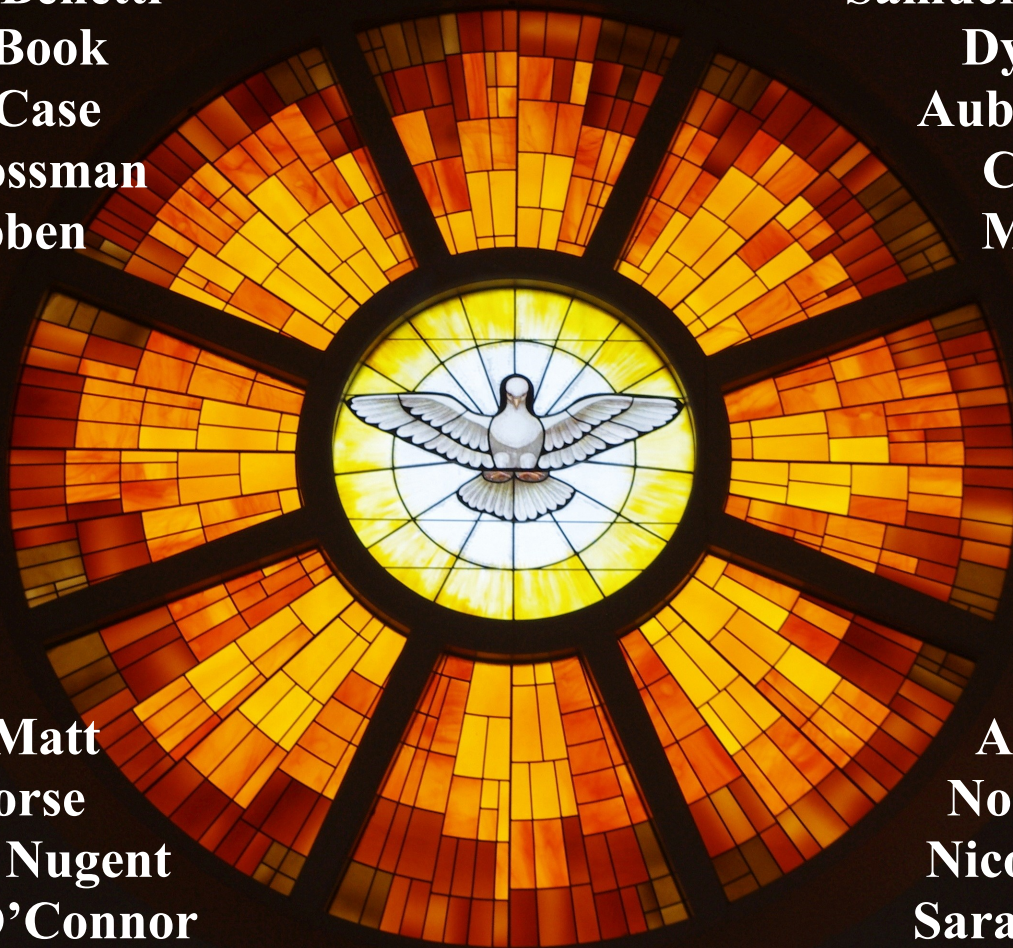
Faith for All: Teens

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CONFIRMATION 2021

**Vincent Benetti
Kendal Book
Lauren Case
Ella Grossman
John Hoben**

**Samuel Holloway
Dylan Hunt
Aubrey James
Clare Kelly
Mary Kelly**



**Abigail Matt
Cade Morse
Thomas Nugent
Kadin O'Connor
Ella Reis**

**Alexa Seidl
Noah Smith
Nicole Storck
Sarah Tapken
Rebecca Yanacheak**



How to FAT TUESDAY
like a PRO... [Read Here](#)

Ash Wednesday and Lent in
Two minutes... [Watch Here](#)



Let's play a game...
[Quotes from the Bible, or Kanye?](#)



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Faith for All: Children

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Bible Story: Mark 1:14-20 **Jesus Calls His Disciples.**

Jesus calls Peter to follow him,
[watch the story from the bible.](#)

How familiar are you with the story? Try to [complete this activity](#) on your own.



Here is a fun fish craft activity for our younger children from [Crafty Morning](#).

Worship and Praise Songs for Kids

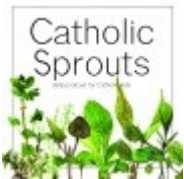
[Thankful](#)

[Made for This](#)

[Never Let Go](#)



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The Catholic Sprouts Podcast is a daily podcast for Catholic kids. The short episodes are designed to plant one seed of faith each day. Topics covered include Catholic Feast Days, Morality, Catholic Theology, the saints and the sacraments.

[Jesus My Friend](#) As we learn more about Jesus this month and how he began his ministry, take your Jesus My Friend with you the next time you run an errand or take a trip. When people ask you who he is...share his message of love and forgiveness.

—Mardi Gras
—Ash Wednesday
—Lent
—[Connections](#)



Celebration Ideas
for **Mardi Gras**
from [Catholic Icing](#)



The rituals of **Ash Wednesday** from
[Loyola Press](#)



Lent:
[40 Ideas for 40 Days](#)

Prayer: Learn more about prayer with your children. Don't know where to start? Watch this video to learn more about the prayer process and try it together. Prayer Video from Dynamic Catholic:

[The Prayer Process](#)





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Faith for All: We are Catholic

A Family of Believers: Called and Sent by Jesus
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Saint of the Month: In recognition of Black History Month, we remember **Sr. Thea Bowman.**



Cause for Canonization The U.S. bishops endorsed the sainthood cause of Sister Thea Bowman on Nov. 14, 2018, during their fall assembly in Baltimore. The granddaughter of slaves, she was the only ... [READ MORE](#).

[Share the story](#) of Servant of God: Sister Thea Bowman with your children.

More [SAINTS to Celebrate](#) . Have you ever wondered how the Catholic Church declares a person an official saint? Watch this [VIDEO](#) I found on the Look to Him and be Radiant website to learn about canonization.

Our Catholic Traditions: The Papacy

What do you know about February 22nd? [The Story of the Chair of Saint Peter](#) Tell me [more](#)! How can our family [observe this Holy Day](#)?

[How do they Choose the POPE?](#)

Learn about Pope Francis...[USCCB](#)...[VATICAN](#)...for [KIDS](#)

In 2015, Pope Francis came to America...see some of the things he said and did while he was here...take a [LOOK](#)!



LITURGICAL YEAR CONNECTIONS: LENT

Getting Ready for Lent-[Video](#)

Why Lent2?, Ash Wednesday?-[Video](#)

A LITTLE MORE FUN:

Go on an indoor [Bible Verse Scavenger Hunt](#).

February Recipe:
[Crispy Pancakes—Vietnam](#)

