

# FLOCK Faith Formation



## 2023-2024 Calendar

Grade-level details and more information about specific events/dates may be found on pages 2, 3, and 4 of this document.

November 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

1<sup>st</sup> Saints' Day; 29<sup>th</sup> Advent Family Night

December 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

December 1-2 is Live Nativity!

March 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

20<sup>th</sup> Xavier Play, 23<sup>rd</sup> Egg Hunt, 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday

April 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20*
21*	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

13<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> is 1<sup>st</sup> Communion families only

September 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10*	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

9<sup>th</sup> Brat Fest, 10<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Family Launch Nights

October 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

15<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Rehearsal for seniors! 21<sup>st</sup> Seniors receive Confirmation!!!

January 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

6<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> is 1<sup>st</sup> Confession families only

February 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wed; 21<sup>st</sup> is Lent Family Night

"Dear friends, each of your families has a mission to carry out in our world, a testimony to give. We the baptized are especially called to be "a message that the Holy Spirit takes from the riches of Jesus Christ and gives to his people". For this reason, I would like you to ask yourselves this question: **What is the word that the Lord wants to speak through our life to all those whom we meet? What "step forward" is he asking of our family, my family, today?** Everyone should ask this. Stop and listen. Let yourselves be changed by him, so that you too can change the world and make it "home" for all those who need to feel welcomed and accepted, **for all those who need to encounter Christ and to know that they are loved.**"

~Pope Francis at the World Meeting of Families, 2018

### Color Legend:

**Green** = grades 1-8 (most weeks, Wednesday evenings)

**Blue** = Family Faith Nights or Events (all grade 1-8 families attend together, child(ren) with parent(s))

**Pink** = First Confession/First Communion special days for First Reconciliation/First Communion families only

**Red** = grades 9-11 (twice a month, Sunday evenings).

**Light Red** = Confirmation Prep (once a month, Sunday morning sessions with sponsors, includes Mass)



## Page 2: Details by Color/Grade Level

**Green** = **Flock & Edge: grades 1-8** (most weeks, Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:15 PM)

- First day is September 20, 2023. Last day is April 24, 2024
- Weeks off:
  - September 27, 2023 (Kimberly Homecoming Parade)
  - October 25, 2023 (schools are off Thursday/Friday, so many families take a fall break)
  - November 22, 2023 (Thanksgiving week)
  - December 27, 2023 (Christmas week)
  - January 24, 2024 (First Reconciliation: only families whose child is making their First Reconciliation attend)

**Blue** = **Wednesday Family Faith Nights or Other Special Family Events** (grade 1-8 parents/families attend together).

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, September 9, 2023</b> <u>Brat Fest!</u> 4:00-6:00 (ish) PM</p> <p>Begins with Mass outside on the grass – bring a lawn chair! – and then brats/burgers/other yummys, with games and silent auction and more!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, September 13, 2023</b> <u>Family Faith Launch Night!</u> 6:00 – 7:15 PM</p> <p>Begins with potluck supper in the church hall; includes activities, crafts, classroom tours, and time for family prayer in Eucharistic Adoration! If you have children in grades 9-11 also, you may choose which of the two launch nights your family attends.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, November 1, 2023</b> <u>All Saints' Day!</u> 6:00 – 7:30 PM</p> <p>All Saints' Day is a Holy Day that celebrates all who pray for us and worship God in heaven! At 6:00, children go to their classroom for attendance while parents grab a seat in Church. Kids join parents at 6:20 or so; Mass begins at 6:30 and lasts one hour.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, November 29, 2023</b> <u>Family Faith Advent Night!</u> 6:00 – 7:15 PM</p> <p>Begins with light supper in the church hall; includes activities, crafts, classroom tours, and time for family prayer in Eucharistic Adoration as we prepare for Christmas!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday <u>OR</u> Saturday, December 1-2, 2024</b> <u>Live Nativity!</u> 6:00 – 8:00 PM</p> <p>Live Nativity is a re-enactment of the 1<sup>st</sup> century village of Bethlehem, where Jesus was born! We provide costumes and props; families sign up for a slot on the Sign Up Genius to be a character from the Bible story or one of the villagers going about their busy life in the town. No speaking required; visitors drive through, so you may interact with guests but don't have to say anything unless you want to 😊</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, February 14, 2024</b> <u>Ash Wednesday!</u> 6:00 – 7:30 PM</p> <p>Ash Wednesday celebrates the beginning of Lent! At 6:00, children go to their classroom for attendance; parents grab a seat in Church. Kids join parents at 6:20 or so; Mass begins at 6:30 and lasts one hour.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, February 21, 2024</b> <u>Family Faith Lent Night!</u> 6:00 – 7:15 PM</p> <p>Begins with light supper in the church hall; includes activities, crafts, classroom tours, and time for family prayer in Eucharistic Adoration as we prepare for Easter!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, March 20, 2024</b> <u>Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play!</u> 6:00 – 7:30 PM</p> <p>Families can sign up for free tickets to the renowned Passion Play, which presents Jesus' last week on earth in music, drama, and reflection. You'll receive a reminder to sign up for free tickets once Lent begins.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, March 23, 2024</b> <u>Easter Egg Hunt!</u> 2:30-4:00 PM</p> <p>Rain or shine, we're hosting an Easter Egg Hunt! Families can participate and/or help host a craft/activity station, an egg finding zone, and more!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, March 24, 2024</b> <u>Palm Sunday Procession!</u> 10:20 AM – 11:30 AM</p> <p>It's Palm Sunday, so kids will help Father lead the Palm Procession at the beginning of Mass. Please gather in the back of Church (called the Narthax) at 10:20 AM for instructions.</p>	

## Page 3: Details by Color/Grade Level Continued

**Pink** = **First Confession/First Communion** (special days (child + parent(s) or grandparent(s)) for those receiving these Sacraments)

- Saturday, January 6, 2024, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: First Confession Retreat. Each child + at least one parent or grandparent attend together for a morning of prayer, crafts, learning, and practicing for our upcoming First Confession!
- Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 6:00 – 7:15 PM: First Confession! Each child attends with their parent(s)/grandparent(s), and the whole family is encouraged to come too and celebrate Confession together!
- Saturday, April 13, 2024, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: First Communion Retreat. Each child + at least one parent or grandparent attend together for a morning of prayer, crafts, learning, and practicing for our upcoming First Communion!
- \*Saturday, April 20, 2024, 4:00 PM OR \*Sunday, April 21, 2024, 10:30 AM. First Communion Day! **\*Families will vote\*** in September/early October on **which day they prefer and we'll go with the majority's** preference. In either case, please arrive 45 minutes before Mass begins so we can all be settled, calm, prayerful, and ready to go when Holy Mass begins.

**Red** = **Cor: grades 9-11** (twice a month, Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00 PM).

- \*Sunday, September 10, 2023: Family Launch Night: 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders and their parent(s) attend together.
  - Includes potluck supper, time for questions, discussion, and family Eucharistic Adoration!
  - If you have children in grades 1-8 also, you may choose which of the two launch nights your family attends.
- Other red-shaded calendar days are “normal” High School Cor, 6:00-8:00 PM, twice per month.
- Some dates have two colors shaded in. The **LIGHT RED** is for Confirmation (juniors or seniors) and the **RED** is for Cor. Cor is the name for our “regular” 9-11<sup>th</sup> grade faith formation
- Just a reminder: we only have 15 Cor sessions (including the Family Launch Night) for the whole year. Each one is important. Please look at your family's and teen's calendar ahead of time and communicate with coaches, employers, etc that 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders are unavailable for these 15 evenings.
- Finally, please note the time is different than last year. We meet 6:00 PM til 8:00 PM, which is a half-hour earlier than previous years. This change is due to the limited number of evening Cor sessions, the Diocese requirements regarding instructional hours, and the need to have more time for “going deeper” in our learning, discussion/small group, prayer time, and social time.

Details for Light Red (Confirmation) are on the following page.

## Page 4: Details by Color/Grade Level Continued

### **Light Red = Confirmation Preparation.**

- Dates in September and October are for SENIORS (who will receive Confirmation in October 2023 and graduate high school in June 2024).
  - Sunday, September 24, 2023: REVIEW/REFRESH SESSION
    - Location: St. Paul Parish
    - Time: 9:30 – 11:30 AM
  - Early October Date TBD: Evening of Adoration, Confession, and prayer
    - Location: St. Mary in Appleton 312 South State Street Appleton, WI 54911
    - Time: TBD
    - Note: Because this date isn't finalized, and may conflict with Homecoming or other activities, it is the ONLY optional event on this calendar for our senior confirmation candidates. As soon as the time/date is finalized by Ms. Turba, the Confirmation coordinator at St Mary's, I'll let you know. I strongly recommend this evening -I'll be there myself – but without a firm date yet it's not fair for me to require something that isn't set in stone.
  - Sunday, October 8, 2023: FINAL SESSION + SEND-OFF DAY
    - Location: St. Paul Parish
    - Time: 9:30 – 11:30 AM or a little later
    - Last session for sponsors/candidates. Includes 10:30 AM Mass and Pancake Breakfast!
  - Sunday, October 15, 2023: CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL
    - Location: St. Mary in Appleton: 312 South State Street Appleton, WI 54911
    - Time: Candidate + Sponsor: **please arrive at 3:30 PM**
    - Rehearsal begins promptly at 4:00 PM.
  - Saturday, October 21, 2023: CONFIRMATION DAY!
    - Location: St. Mary in Appleton: 312 South State Street Appleton, WI 54911
    - Times: **Candidate + Sponsor: please arrive by 5:30 PM** Family/friends: Mass begins at 6:30 PM.
- Dates in November and beyond are for JUNIORS (who will receive Confirmation in Fall 2024 and graduate high school in June 2025)
  - Sunday, November 5, 2023 – candidates + sponsors, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM including Mass
  - Parish Service Opportunity: Live Nativity, December 1-2, 6:00-8:00 PM
  - Parish Service Opportunity: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, December 9 beginning with 4:00 PM Mass
  - Sunday, December 13, 2023 – candidates + sponsors, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM including Mass
  - Sunday, January 7, 2024 – candidates + sponsors, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM including Mass
  - Sunday, February 4, 2024 – candidates + sponsors, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM including Mass
  - Sunday, March 3, 2024 – candidates + sponsors, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM including Mass
  - OVERNIGHT REQUIRED RETREAT – Candidates only
    - Dates: Friday evening, April 5, 2024 overnight through Saturday evening, April 6, 2024
    - Location: Mount Tabor Retreat Center: 522 Second Street, Menasha, WI 54952
    - Time: Begins at 7:00 PM Friday, dismisses 7:00 PM Saturday
  - Sunday, April 14, 2024 – candidates + sponsors, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM including Mass
  - Parish Service Opportunity: Easter Egg Hunt! Saturday, March 23, 2:30-4:00 PM
  - Fall 2024: 2 more Sunday morning sessions (dates TBD) + Confirmation Rehearsal and Confirmation Day (dates TBD)

**FLOCK Faith Formation Vision:** We are Catholic disciples who follow Jesus and share Him with others!  
**FLOCK Faith Formation Mission:** St. Paul Parish is devoted to cultivating families of well-formed disciples who know, love, serve, and share Jesus Christ and His holy Church.

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