

SUMMER 2026

“...catechesis aims to achieve a more integral formation of the person rather than merely to communicate information.” (NDC 3 – National Directory for Catechesis - USCCB)

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY - Using the readings from the liturgy, we will read through and discuss how the readings fit together and what we can take away with us to live as families of faith. We will gather on Sundays, virtually from the comfort of home, at 6:30pm. Contact Laura Countryman in the Parish Office for the login information.

- Sunday 7/19 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Sunday 8/2 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Sunday 8/16 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SIMPLY SCRIPTURE BIBLE STUDY - Come join us for Simply Scripture Bible Study where we will break open the readings for Mass on Thursdays at 6:30pm virtually or Fridays at 10:30am in the Holy Spirit Parish Office. Contact Laura Countryman in the Parish Office for the virtual session information.

- Thursday 7/16 or Friday 7/17 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Thursday 7/30 or Friday 7/31 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Thursday 8/13 or Friday 8/14 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Thursday 8/27 or Friday 8/28 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Thursday 9/10 or Friday 9/11 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God’s Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.”

<https://www.usccb.org/bible/understanding-the-bible>

NAVIGATING A CATHOLIC LIFE – Join us once a month for an exploration of current events while discerning what the Church teaches and how through prayer, reflection, Scripture, Church tradition, reflection on personal experiences and meaningful discussion, we can begin to figure out how to navigate this world we live in. Our next session will be on Wednesday August 5th at 3:00pm or 6:30pm in the Parish Office. Choose the option that works best for you. We will be looking at Pope Leo’s Encyclical: Magnificent Humanity.

“Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together. Each generation inherits the task of shaping its own era, of guiding history to become a place where the dignity of every person is safeguarded, justice is promoted and fraternity is made possible. Yet every era also runs the risk of creating an inhumane and more unjust world. Whenever humanity is in danger of marring its true identity, we Christians lift our eyes to the Incarnate God, knowing that it is “only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of humanity truly becomes clear.” [1] In Jesus Christ, this humanity in its grandeur becomes the Way, the Truth and the Life, opening the path for each of us to grow toward fullness.”

Magifica Humanitas #1



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“Catechesis that involves the whole family is a particularly effective method of catechesis for young children because it helps parents to become more confident in sharing their faith with their children and encouraging their children’s emerging faith.” (NDC 48 – National Directory for Catechesis, USCCB)

SUMMER READING FOR FAMILIES AND ADULTS: - Pope Leo XIV at a recent address with the Vatican Publishing House talked about the importance of reading. He highlighted 3 advantages to reading.

- Books give us an opportunity to think
- Books give us an opportunity to encounter others
- Books can be an opportunity to proclaim Christ

We invite you to take the opportunity this summer to read through a Catholic lens, using the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

“Adult catechesis ought to include opportunities to learn and reflect upon how one is called to live out the basic principles of Catholic social teaching in family life, workplace, community, and the world. More and more adult catechesis is understood to be the chief form of catechesis and is given priority in catechetical planning.”
(National Directory for Catechesis 3)

THE BIBLE - Join us for our two-part exploration and overview of the Bible. We will gather in the Parish Office at 6:30pm.

- Part 1 - Monday 8/10
 - Part 2 - Tuesday 8/11
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THE CREED: I BELIEVE - Join us for our 2 part exploration of the Creed, it’s history and meaning. We will gather in the Parish Office at 6:30pm

- Part 1 - Wednesday 8/12
 - Part 2 - Monday 8/17
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THE LITURGY - Join us as we explore the five parts of the Liturgy in 2 sessions. Some people say that mass is boring. It’s only boring when you don’t understand what is happening, why we are doing what we are doing, and the deliberate rhythm of all the parts of the mass. Come and explore the genius of the liturgy - the work of the people. We will gather at 6:30pm in the Parish Office.

- Part 1—Tuesday 8/18
 - Part 2—Wednesday 8/19
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SACRAMENTS: BELONGING, HEALING, SERVING - Join us as we explore our 7 sacraments. Where did they come from and what happens after we celebrate them?

- Thursday, 8/6 at 6:30pm in the Parish Office
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“The aim of catechesis is to ‘put people in communion and intimacy with Jesus Christ’ (GDC #80). As people grow in relationship to Jesus, they naturally want to know more about him and how to live more fully as disciples in the Catholic Church. This comes about, not solely through formal parish catechetical programming, but through life lived in the family and the parish community.”

Curriculum Framework for Parish Catechetical Programs



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