

SS. John and Paul 2016-2017 G.R.A.C.E. Calendar

Growing, Responding As Catholics Everyday

Be sure to look at all 3 components of G.R.A.C.E.: 1. Monthly 2. Age Specific 3. Sacraments

1. MONTHLY G.R.A.C.E. Dates / Themes / Events:

[Sunday, Tuesday, Friday 6:00-8:30 p.m. You must attend the evening that you signed-up for.]

<u>Date</u>	<u>Key Catechetical Area</u>	<u>Theme We Are Exploring</u>	<u>Focus</u>
September 18, 20, 23	Social Justice	Sacred & Social: Call to Family, Participation and Community	AOD Christian Service Event
October 16, 18, 20	Creed	Evangelization: "Unleash the Gospel"	The SYNOD
November 13, 15, 18	Morality	Living as People of Mercy and Forgiveness	Ending of Year of Mercy
January 22, 24, 27	Church History/Catholic Tradition	World Religions from a Catholic Perspective	Ecumenical and Interfaith Unity
February 19, 21, 24	Sacraments	The Mass	The Sunday Liturgy
March 26, 28, 31	Scripture	The Gospel of John	Lent
April 30, May 2, 5	Prayer & Spirituality	Types of Prayer/Retreat: "Advancing by Retreating"	Deepening Our Prayer Life

2. AGE SPECIFIC G.R.A.C.E GATHERINGS

Junior High Gatherings: 7th & 8th Graders:

Junior High (7th/8th grade) meet 4 times a year on Friday or Saturday

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	September 10th	TBA
Saturday	October 8th	TBA
Saturday	November 5th	TBA
Saturday	January 7th? Or Jan. 14th?	TBA

We have a speaker and still confirming date

Early Childhood Program: *Ages 4—5 yrs. During the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass*

Oct 2, 9, 23, 30; Nov 6, 20, 27; Dec 11, 18,; Jan 8, 15, 29; Feb 5, 12, 26; March 5, 12, 19; and April 2

Grades 1-6 Sessions: *Mon. 4:45-6:00 p.m. or Tues. 4:45-6:00 / 6:30-7:45 p.m.*

Fall: *Session 1: Oct. 24/25 Session 2: Nov. 7/8 Session 3: Nov. 21/22 Session 4: Nov. 28/29*
Winter: *Session 5: Jan. 30/31 Session 6: Feb. 6/7 Session 7: Feb. 27/28, Session 8: Mar 6/7*
Session 9: April 3/4

Adult Formation Opportunities:

- Fall Scripture Series Tues evenings/Wed mornings beginning September 27/28
- Spring Scripture Series Tues evenings/Wed mornings beginning April 25/26
- Reconnect: Wednesday January 4
- Women's Scripture Reflection: 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month @9:30 am
- Men's Prayer: 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month @ 8am
- Let's Talk and Wisdom Bytes: Will be listed in the bulletin
- Women's retreat: Sunday October 30, 2pm-8pm, Capuchin Retreat Center
- Men's retreat: Saturday, May 13, 9:00 am--3:00-pm

3. SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION G.R.A.C.E. SESSIONS See reverse side.

Senior High Gatherings: 9th thru 12th Grades (Always Watch the Bulletin or pick up calendar in the literature racks in front of office)

Day	Date	Time
Sunday	September 11th	6:30-8:30
Sunday	September 25th	6:30-8:30
Sat. & Sunday	October 4 & 5th	pumpkin sales
Sunday	October 9th	6:30-8:30
Sunday	October 21-23	CYO Retreat? TBA
Friday	November 6th	6:30-8:30
Sunday	November 20th	6:30-8:30
Sat. & Sunday	December 3 & 4th	poinsettia sales
Sunday	December 4th	5:30-9:30

The remainder of the calendar for junior /senior high events is not yet complete. Please watch the bulletin, web site and e-mails for more details!

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3. SACRAMENT PREPARATION G.R.A.C.E. SESSIONS 2016-2017

Parents with children who are eligible to receive a sacrament of Eucharist, Reconciliation or Confirmation will receive a letter of invitation just prior to the first initial parent / children session. If you have questions please call Kathryn Locke or Karen Peters @ 586-781-9488

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Parent / Child Session #1: Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Presentation of Candidates: Sunday, February 5 at 9 11:30 a.m. Mass
Parent / Child Session #2: Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Parent / Child Session #3: Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m.
(make-up sessions scheduled as needed)
Eucharist Retreat: Saturday, April 1, from 10-12:30
Interviews: Tuesday/Wednesday April 11,12 and Tuesday, April 25 Between 4-6:30 p.m.

Celebration of First Eucharist: Families will choose a weekend Mass on scheduled Sundays throughout the Easter Season

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Parent / Child Session #1: Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m.
Parent / Child Session #2: Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m.
Reconciliation Retreat: Saturday, November 12 from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Interviews: Wednesday, November 30, Thursday, December 1 and Tuesday, December 6 Between 4:00-6:30 p.m.
(make-up sessions scheduled as needed)
Celebration of the Sacrament: Saturday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m. or Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For all those who are in the process of preparing for Confirmation for the fall of 2016. Preparation began in the Spring of 2016.

Candidate Session: Saturday, September 17th. Session begins right after 5:00 Mass
Candidate Session: Saturday, October 15th Session begins right after 5:00 Mass
Retreat: Saturday, November 12th 12:30-6:00 p.m. Includes Mass
Candidate Final Interview: Wednesday., November 16th 3:00-6:30 p.m. OR Monday, November 21st 3:00-6:30 p.m.
Or Tuesday, November 22nd 3:00-7:00 p.m. Candidates must call to schedule their interview.
Rehearsal: TENTATIVE Wednesday, November 30th 6:30-8:45 pm beginning with dinner
Celebration of the Sacrament: TENTATIVE Saturday, December 3rd with Mass at 7:00 p.m.

R.C.I.A. for Families with Children Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Preparation for the Rite of Christian Initiation for families with children who are in need of sacraments and have had little or no previous religious formation. Scheduled as needed. Call Kathryn Locke for information 586-781-9488 ext.14

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Preparation sessions for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation are scheduled as needed. Dismissal during weekend Masses will begin in October. Call Bridget Theodoroff for information.. 586-781-9010 ext. 12

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM This sacrament takes place during the scheduled weekend Masses. Dates of scheduled baptisms:

June 19—11:30	January 15—9:30
July 17—9:30	February 18—5:00
August 27—5:00 (outdoor)	April 16 (Easter)—9:30 and 11:30
September 18—11:30	May 21—9:30
October 16—9:30	
November 19—5:00	
December 18—11:30	

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples meet several times with the pastor and also attend a marriage preparation weekend/series of talks. These options and dates are laid out at the first meeting, which ordinarily should take place up to one year prior to the marriage. As part of the marriage prep process couples are expected to attend at least two of the monthly G.R.A.C.E. sessions in order to open up conversation on matters of faith and prayer in their lives.