

SS. John and Paul 2017-2018 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 and Tuesday, 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 17, 19	Sacraments	Understanding your ministry through the Sacraments of Initiation	Ministry Fair
October 15, 17	Social Justice	Can Catholicism and Activism go together?	Respect Life Month
November 12, 14	Church History/Catholic Tradition	10 Figures in Church history	All Souls Day
January 21, 23	Scripture	Images, stories, symbols, styles. Scripture: what are we reading anyway?	Learning Scripture
February 18, 19, 20	Parish Mission	What's Love Got to Do With It? Understanding the Season of Lent	Lent
March 18, 20	Morality	Let's Talk About Sin	Reconciliation
April 15, 17	Creed	Breath! Wind! Fire! The Holy Spirit!	Pentecost

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 9th	TBA
Saturday	October 7th (all day includes service day)	
Saturday	November 4th	TBA
Saturday	January 13th	TBA

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

Oct 1,8,22,29; Nov 5,19; Dec 10, 17; Jan 14, 28; Feb 4,18, 25; March 4, 11; and April 8 (22 and 29?)

Grades 1-6 Sessions: Mon. 5:00-6:30 p.m. or Tues. 6:00-7:30.

Fall: Session 1: Sept. 25/26, Session 2: Oct. 2/3, Session 3: Oct. 23/24 Session 4: Nov. 6/7
Winter: Session 5: Jan. 29/30, Session 6: Feb. 5/6, Session 7: Feb. 26/27, Session 8: Mar 5/6
 Session 9: April 9/10?

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 10th	kick off TBD
Sunday	September 24th	6:30-8:30
Sat. & Sunday	October 7 & 8th	pumpkin sales
Sunday	October 8th	6:30-8:30
Sunday	October 22nd	6:30-8:30
Friday	November 5th	6:30-8:30
Sunday	November 19th	6:30-8:30
Sat. & Sunday	December 2 & 3rd	poinsettia sales
Sunday	December 3rd (McRest)	5:30-9:30

Adult Formation Opportunities:

- Fall Scripture Series: Tues evenings/Wed mornings beginning September 26/27
- Spring Scripture Series: Tues evenings/Wed mornings beginning April 24/25
- 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 29, 2pm-7pm, Capuchin Retreat Center
- Men's retreat: Saturday, May 12, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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!

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

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SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Parent / Child Session #1: Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m.
Presentation of Candidates: Sunday, February 11 at 9:30/11:30 a.m. Mass
Parent / Child Session #2: Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Parent / Child Session #3: Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m.
(make-up sessions scheduled as needed)
Eucharist Retreat: Saturday, April 14, from 10-12:30
Interviews: Wednesday, April 18, Tuesday/Wednesday, April 24/25 Between 4-6:30 p.m.
Celebration of First Eucharist: Sunday, May 6 at 11:30 Mass

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Parent / Child Session #1: Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m.
Parent / Child Session #2: Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Reconciliation Retreat: Saturday, November 11 from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Interviews: Wednesday, November 22; Tuesday, November 28 and Wednesday, November 29 Between 4:00-6:30 p.m.
(make-up sessions scheduled as needed)
Celebration of the Sacrament: Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For all those who are in the process of preparing for Confirmation for the fall of 2017. Preparation began in the Spring of 2017.

Candidate Session: Saturday, September 16th.: Session begins right after 5:00 p.m. Mass
Candidate Session: Saturday, October 14th: Session begins right after 5:00 p.m. Mass
Retreat: Saturday, November 11th 12:00-6:00 p.m. Includes Mass
Candidate Final Interview: Thursday, November 16th 3:00-6:30 p.m. OR Monday, November 20th 3:00-6:30. OR November 21st 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Candidates must call to schedule their interview.
Tentative Dates:
Rehearsal: Wednesday, November 29th 6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning with dinner
Celebration of the Sacrament: Sunday, December 10th with Mass at 1:30 p.m.

R.C.I.A. for Families with Children

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:

July 23: 9:30 a.m. Mass	August 26 5:00 (Outdoor)
September 17: 11:30 a.m. Mass	October 15: 9:30 a.m. Mass
November 18: 5:00 p.m. Mass	December 17: 11:30 a.m. Mass
January 21: 9:30 a.m. Mass	February 17: 5:00p.m. Mass
April 1 (Easter): 9:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Mass	
May 20: 9:30 a.m. Mass	June 17: 11:30 a.m. Mass

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples meet several times with the pastor or pastoral associate 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.