

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Reconciliation/First Communion: Beginning in 2nd grade, all children and parents will attend GOF Parish Nights, learning centers on the topics of Reconciliation and Eucharist, and complete a book in preparation for the sacraments. Children who attend public school will attend designated Tuesday classes.

Confirmation: Beginning in 9th grade, all youth are part of faith sharing groups. In 10th grade, they continue journeying with their group while preparing for Confirmation. The requirements include: participation in our Generations of Faith program, learning centers, service projects, sponsor projects, choosing a saint's name, interviews, retreats, and a variety of youth activities, such as Saturday Night Life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Offered for children who are ages 3-5 (Birthdays by Sept. 1st). Classes are held during the 8:30 and 10:00 Mass on selected Sundays, October through April. Registration is required.

Angels (age 3): "Stories of God's Love," published by RCL Benzinger, is used to help "Angels" learn Christian values. Lessons include: God's love, Creation, the Holy Family, being Jesus' friend, prayer, Lent, Advent, Christmas, and other topics.

Disciples (age 4) and Saints (age 5): "Who Am I?" from the Image of God Series, published by Ignatius Press, introduces "Disciples" and "Saints" to their Catholic faith. Lessons include: Creation, the Trinity, the Commandments, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and other topics.

BIBLE STUDY

Catholic Scripture Study for Adults: At least one adult Bible study per year is offered starting in the fall. Traditionally held on Thursdays, there are usually morning and evening sessions running from 1 1/2 to 2 hours ranging from 10 to 27 weeks. Format includes small group discussion and lecture presentations. Registration is necessary and a fee may be charged to cover materials.

Youth Scripture Study: Middle school and high school students will read the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday, illustrate the readings through a variety of media, and contribute to student-led discussions. Sessions will be held on Sunday evenings. There are no fees, registration is not necessary and drop-in attendance is welcomed.

LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

Participants meet weekly during the season of Lent to read, reflect, discuss, and pray in small groups at church or in homes. Sign up sheets will be placed in the Gathering Space one month before groups begin. The 2012 Lenten Study is February 26-April 1.

Visit www.resurrection-catholic.org for more details and updates throughout the year. Generations Of Faith curriculum is based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Doctrinal Elements of Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age.

Catholic Social Teaching 2011-2012

Why focus on Justice and Catholic Social Teaching?

First, our faith calls us to work for justice; to serve those in need; to pursue peace; and to defend the life, dignity, and rights of all. This is the call of Jesus and the living tradition of our Church. **Second**, far too many people on our planet live without the basic necessities of life and are threatened by violence, injustice, and oppression which rob them of their dignity. **Third**, in Jesus' description of the Last Judgment, the critical question is 'What did you do for the least of these?' Jesus identified himself with the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the imprisoned, and the stranger, insisting that when we serve them we serve him. **Fourth**, our actions can make a difference. This mission of Jesus is our way forward and our urgent task.

Serve the Lord
Go do it!

Value Every Life



Stand Together



Seek Justice



Feed the Hungry



Care for Creation



GOF KICK OFF
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
3:00 pm

Timothy Smith, nationally known musician and presenter, will launch the year on Catholic Social Teaching with a special performance.



This six-year revolving curriculum covers essentials of our Catholic faith for life long learning:

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING 2011-2012	PRAYER 2006-2007
SACRAMENTS 2007-2008	CREED 2008-2009
CATHOLIC MORALITY 2009-2010	LITURGICAL YEAR 2010-2011

GOF PARISH NIGHTS

VALUE EVERY LIFE • October 2 and 5

Fr. Shawn is teaching on the Dignity of Human Life. "The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society." (Sharing Catholic Social Teaching, USCCB, 4)

"God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27

STAND TOGETHER • November 6 and 9

Fr. Kevin is teaching on Solidarity and Peace. We have been gifted with God's peace in the Risen Christ. We are called to the making of peace in our world. As disciples, it is our task to seek ways in which to make the forgiveness, justice, and mercy and love of God visible in the world. We are one human family regardless of our differences. Learning to practice the virtue of solidarity means learning that 'loving our neighbor' has global dimensions, in an interdependent world.

"I am giving you a new command. You must love each other, just as I have loved you." John 13:31

SEEK JUSTICE • January 8 and 11

Fr. Shawn is teaching on Rights and Responsibilities. Basic human rights include the right to faith and family life, food and shelter, clean water and clothing, health care and rest, education and employment, and essential social services.

"I have set the example, and you should do for each other exactly what I have done for you." John 13:15

FEED THE HUNGRY • February 5 (Time changed to 1:30) and 8

Fr. Kevin is teaching on Option for The Poor and Vulnerable. God has special concern for the poor and vulnerable. Jesus, who identified himself with the least of these, came to preach 'good news to the poor.'

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Luke 4:18

CARE FOR CREATION • March 4 and 7

Fr. Kevin is teaching on Care of God's Creation. The world God created has been entrusted to us, not simply for our own benefit, but to preserve and protect. In our use of creation, we must be guided by a concern for generations to come. We show our respect for the Creator by our care for creation." (Faithful Citizenship, USCCB, 15)

"God looked at everything he had created, and he was very pleased." Genesis 1:31

GOF EXPANDING HORIZONS

JESUS—WHEN DID WE SEE YOU? Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

September 23—29 9:00am-9:00pm daily in the Great Hall

Come learn about our Catholic teachings on social justice through self-guided activities.

GOF GOING DEEPER NIGHTS

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm Separate Sessions for Elementary, Youth & Adults

Oct. 12—See with God's Eyes

Every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. Every person is precious to God and each person's life and dignity must be respected. The human person is the clearest reflection of God's presence in the world.

Nov. 16—Go in Peace...Live Simply

We are interconnected and interdependent with everyone on the planet. We stand in solidarity with people around the world, especially those who struggle to make an adequate living.

Jan. 18—Needs or Wants?

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." Each person has the right to the conditions for living a decent life.

Feb. 15—The Last Should Be First

"How can it be that even today there are still people dying of hunger? Condemned to illiteracy? Lacking the most basic medical care? Without a roof over their heads?...Christians must learn to make their act of faith in Christ by discerning His voice in the cry for help that rises from this world of poverty." Pope John Paul II

Mar. 14—Responsible Choices for the Earth

How do we share and use the goods of the earth? By caring for God's creation, we live in harmony with it and preserve it for future generations.

GOF SERVICE NIGHTS

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm Awareness of our local needs and hands on activities.

Oct. 19—Coat & Winter Wear Drive

Dec. 7—Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul

Feb. 1—Hunger Banquet

Mar. 21—Operation Hometown Gratitude

GOF NIGHTS & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm New this year for everyone! For those in sacramental preparation, these Wednesdays will be a combination of meetings & learning centers for 2nd, 9th & 10th graders & their parents. For those NOT taking sacramental preparation, a blend of scripture study, adoration, & other activities will be offered at the same time. We will have break-out sessions of for grades 1-5, 6-9, and 10th-adult.