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What is FIRE?

FIRE is a uniquely St. Luke initiative, which began two years ago! It represents a bold openness to the Holy Spirit to empower individuals to interact with their faith in a whole new way – and to empower parents and grandparents as the first catechists of their children. But FIRE is about **every** family - and every person - regardless of age or family situation. Designed specifically for our parish, FIRE is a completely Catholic spiritual movement from the ground up – led by our pastor, Fr. Jared Rodrigue, and run by nearly a hundred volunteers.



FIRE NIGHTS

NO AUGUST

S E P T E M B E R 17

NO OCTOBER

NOVEMBER 5

DECEMBER 3

JANUARY 14

FEBRUARY 4

MARCH 10

APRIL 14

MAY 19

Its foundations are the Holy Scriptures and Sacred Tradition, the teachings of the Church, and the lives of the saints. Creative, fun, and immersive, FIRE is an invitation to see how God's outpouring of love throughout salvation history is a story of which YOU are a part – and how that story is moving out from you to the edges of the world.



FIRE NIGHTS

FIRE nights are the primary focus of our FIRE program, meant to bring together the entire parish family in an ongoing formation experience. These nights, which occur monthly from 5-7 PM, involve food, fun, formation, faith, fellowship, and – well – FIRE!



A typical FIRE night is structured with three parts:

1. The night begins with a fun **introduction** to the theme or topic of the night.
2. All those present break out into different groups based on age and/or state of life. In each **breakout** group, all are formed regarding the same topic, but at their appropriate age levels.
3. The night concludes with a family **dinner**, in which all present participate in intentional conversations to discuss what they learned in their breakout session.



— This year's theme —

Two years ago – the first year of our FIRE program – our theme was: Planting Seeds and Growing Trees. We reminded ourselves that all of us were made in God's image and likeness, with dignity and purpose. However, as a result of the Fall of our first parents, our dignity has been clouded. What we have now is a disordered perspective of God, ourselves, our neighbor, and the world around us, as well as a tendency to sin. So, we aimed to determine the root of our sinfulness in order to strive for the opposing virtue and therein be more faithful to the covenant relationship established by our God.

Last year, we determined the fruitfulness of our spiritual lives, using the Fruits of the Holy Spirit as our guide.

This year, with the help of Sacred Scripture and Tradition, we will discover the rich tools the Lord has given us to tend our spiritual lives – the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.



What's new this year?

TOOLBOX TIME is an at-home aspect of our FIRE program where you – individually or as a family – can enrich your spiritual life through activities, reflections, and challenges in your FIRE workbook, to keep the fire burning!

Help make FIRE possible!
BECOME A SPONSOR!



FIRE WORKBOOKS

Have you seen our new FIRE workbooks? They are designed to help you prepare for upcoming FIRE nights, while providing additional content, resources, free space, note-taking space, and so much more!

Want to be able to fully take part in this year of FIRE?

Scan the QR code to purchase your FIRE workbook on Amazon, for you and those you love!

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who can participate in FIRE?

Saint Luke is a parish family made up of different individuals and families from all walks of life. We know life is complicated right now. Some of our families are mom, dad, and a school bus full of kids. Some of our families are grandparents whose families live somewhere else. Some of our families are just getting started - engaged couples, parents getting ready for a baptism - and some of our families are divorced parents trying to be the best they can. Some of our families are made up of grandparents bringing up their grandkids - and some of our families are adult children with elderly parents. Some of the folks who come to FIRE nights are widows or widowers or single college students.

That's why FIRE nights have something for everyone. When you arrive, everyone gets a chance to see and experience the teaching for the night, then we break out into small groups specifically geared to your age group. Everyone gets the same teaching - but it's creative, new, and fresh for your stage in life.

How much does it cost?

Jesus asks a better question. Why are you spending your money on things that leave you empty and anxious? FIRE nights are sponsored by people who really want you to know the story of God's love for you, so if you can offer a donation to help us cover materials and meals, GREAT! But if you can't - don't worry about it. The most important part of FIRE nights is that you come, because this is about family - AND YOU ARE FAMILY.

When is FIRE night?

FIRE nights happen ONCE A MONTH following the 4 pm Mass on Sunday nights. They typically last only about two hours, because we provide dinner for everyone who comes. (We have some pretty incredible cooks and restaurants who donate the meals and preparation!)

What is BLAZE?

BLAZE is the general name for all of our sacramental preparation programs. **BLAZE nights** are a deeper level of FIRE nights designed for the preparation of sacraments. Just like FIRE nights, dinner is provided and only happen once a month on Sunday following the 4 pm Mass. So, if you are part of BLAZE, you attend two nights a month (FIRE nights AND BLAZE nights.)

BLAZE NIGHTS

AUGUST 27

SEPTEMBER 24

OCTOBER 22

NOVEMBER 12

DECEMBER 17

JANUARY 28

FEBRUARY 25

MARCH 17

APRIL 28

NO MAY

Who goes to BLAZE nights?

Anyone seriously asking questions about the faith or becoming Catholic and any family preparing for a sacrament.

- Individuals preparing for Full-Initiation into the Catholic Church through OCIA
- Families who have a child preparing for First Holy Communion
- Families who have an adolescent preparing for Confirmation

How do I become Catholic?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a series of steps in which someone who isn't Catholic or has been away from the Church since Baptism or another sacrament can ask questions about the faith, and as they go along, develop a spiritual formation that deepens prayer, helps them discover the purpose of their life and relationships, and take a closer walk with Christ. It's perfect for a spouse who isn't Catholic or for someone who wants to consider the Catholic faith for themselves. Throughout the process, there is never any pressure to convert: God never imposes - He proposes. So, our process is always laid back and patient.

Designed specifically for our parish, BLAZE takes the Order of Christian Initiation and makes it totally interactive, since it's built around having dinner and conversations with people who can really answer your questions from the heart of the Church and their own personal encounters with Jesus.

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IMPORTANT DATES

FAMILY BASH
OCTOBER 15

FIRST RECONCILIATION
JANUARY 28

CONFIRMATION RETREAT
MARCH 2-3

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT
APRIL 20

FIRST COMMUNION
MAY 5

MAY CROWNING
MAY 11

CONFIRMATION
MAY 21

We need VOLUNTEERS!

FIRE operates off of God's grace and lots of **volunteers**. We never have enough volunteers and are always looking for individuals to help with food, serving, decorating, interceding, setting up, pumping everyone up, leading small groups, and cleaning. Please consider volunteering your time to this amazing ministry, even if for just one night this year. Scan the QR code to sign up!



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