St.John

Faith Formation



2024-2025

Parent Handbook

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**Parents: The Primary Catechists**

“Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery-the preconditions of all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the ‘material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones.’ Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children. By knowing how to acknowledge their own failings to their children, parents will be better able to guide and correct them.”*(Catechism of the Catholic Church 2223)*“Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child’s earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents.” *(Catechism of the Catholic Church 2226)*

**St. John Faith Formation**

Children receive their hunger for a personal relationship with Jesus directly as a gift from God. It is the job of parents and family, assisted by the faith community, to nurture and cultivate the spiritual growth and formation of children. St. John’s Faith Formation program partners with you as parents and guardians to foster a loving relationship between your children and Jesus Christ, and to educate them in the essential truths of our Catholic faith. Faith Formation classes and activities will help your children grow closer to Jesus, as well as to build a strong faith foundation to deal with all of life’s challenges. Through prayer, study, sharing, service, and worship experiences, children and youth will develop a solid Catholic faith that will prepare them to become adult Disciples of Christ.

**WE BELIEVE**... “The experience of God in the family, whether named or not, enters each person at a fundamentally deep and lasting level…We don’t need to import God into the family. God is already there. The family is the first and foremost setting where each of us is formed and encounters the love of the living God! Love begets love. Plain and simple. And love is happening in families. In various degrees and ways.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Familystyle, Dr. David Thomas & Mary Joyce Calnan, page 126)

 **WE BELIEVE**…

• That the home is the most influential force in the life of a child and that the family has primary responsibility for forming the faith of children.

• That faith formation programming supplements the family’s faith development process.

• That Catechists are faith-filled people called by God to be a witness for Jesus Christ and to share the Good News of their faith to bring others to Christ.

**OUR FOCUS**:

• To provide a safe and supportive environment for the growth of each student in the spiritual and moral aspects of his/her life. • To give each student the opportunity to be heard, understood, and valued as a precious child of God. • To help each student recognize God’s love in all aspects of life.

**The 5 Precepts of the Church**

1. Attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and rest from servile labor.

2. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year – especially if there is unconfessed serious (mortal) sin.

3. Receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.

4. Fast and abstain on days of penance established by the Church.

5. Provide for the material needs of the Church with time, talent, and financial resources according to your ability.

**Faith Formation Commission**

**Purpose**: The Faith Formation Commission has as its mission the setting of goals and objectives to meet the educational needs of the total parish community, and the monitoring and devaluation of programs designed to implement these goals and objectives. This “Cradle to Grave” approach assures that all members of the parish are served educationally according to their needs during the entire course of their lives. The role of the Faith Formation Commission at St. John’s is:

* Identify the spiritual growth needs of all parish members.
* Provide opportunities for the spiritual growth of parishioners through retreats, days of renewal, preparation of the reception of the sacraments, small study/prayer groups, etc.

**Responsibilities**

1. To develop and assess ongoing goals and objectives based upon the needs of the parishioners that are supportive of the teaching mission of the church and directives of the archbishop.
2. To be informed about the various programs of spiritual growth available in the Archdiocese, and to evaluate their potential for renewal in the parish.
3. To be responsible for all aspects of the educational programs of the parish.
4. To elect its membership directly from the parish at large.
5. To collaborate with all functioning committees of the parish in planning faith formation programs and initiatives.
6. To elect officers from among its membership.
7. To assist the pastor in the interviewing and employment of personnel.
8. To receive regular reports from those responsible for each area of catechesis.
9. To invite, support, and recognize the gifts of trained volunteers within catechetical programs.

**Functions of the Faith Formation Director**

1. To develop and assist in the implementation of a comprehensive catechetical plan that supports the six tasks of catechesis.
2. Promotion of knowledge of the faith.
3. Liturgical education.
4. Moral formation.
5. Teaching to pray.
6. Education for community life.
7. Missionary initiation

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**Faith Formation Classes**

**Sunday:** Liturgy of the Word for preschool age children. Dismissed from Mass and return following the homily.

Kindergarten-6th grade students attend faith formation classes from 9:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.

**Wednesday:** 7th through 12th grade attend faith formation classes from 7:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

**Catechists/Aides/Hall Monitors**

Kindergarten: Betsy Louwagie, Aide: Betsy Morf, Olivia Haverback

1st Grade: Cassie Doolady

2nd Grade: Natalie Klostermann, Katie Hartelt

3rd Grade: Jill Vavricek and Aide: Graham Vavricek

4th Grade: Mallory Gerber, Aide: Rylee Gerber

5th Grade: Samantha Phillips

6th Grade: Julie Broulik

7th Grade: Conni Swart & Marylynn Murray

8th Grade: Abbey Whalen

High School: Marcy McElroy, Stephanie Brehm, Charlie Liberko,

Hall Monitors: Sunday: Chris Osborn, Subs: Judy and Larry Poduska

**Registration**

All registration for St. John’s Faith Formation will take place online at <https://www.myschoolsystems.com/ArchDBQ/DBQ137/>

* You must be a registered member of St. John’s Parish.
* Have your child/children’s sacramental info on hand. If unsure email dbq137sec@dbqarch.org and Trevor will send them to you.
* If you forget your username, contact Linda or Trevor. If you forget your password, click ‘forgot password’ and it will be provided for you.
* Payment can be made online at [www.stjohnmv.org](http://www.stjohnmv.org). Click on “Online Giving.” Or pay by check or cash to the office secretary or the CRE.
* Registration Fees: $75.00 – One, $150.00 – 2, $225 – 3, $300.00 four or more children. $35.00 per child for First Communion or Confirmation

**Sunday Children’s Liturgy of the Word for Preschoolers**

 “***Sunday Children’s Liturgy of the Word”*** will take place following the Introductory Rites at Mass where the children will come forward and meet their teachers and leave with them to the designated place to learn.

The session will end at the offertory time. Children will then return to join their families for the rest of the Mass to give the children a chance to be part of the family for most part of the Mass to help build an appreciation for the Eucharist.

Given this current form, there will be no sign-up and fee payment involved. All kids within the age group can join each Sunday. This will take place year-round except for Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday and the children’s Mass which is the last Sunday of the Month.

Due to the dedication and joyful service of our parish families to work with our children, each month a different family will be leading the activities.

Sunday Liturgy of the Word Catechists: Tracey Louwagie family, Annalyn Elloren family, Cara Dix family, Katie Hartelt family, Sarah Doyle family.

**Pflaum materials used for Preschool thru 8th Grade**

We continue to use Pflaum materials for all grades preschool through junior high. The Pflaum materials differ in several significant ways that make it an effective way to catechize our children.

1. Liturgical Catechesis: Pflaum integrates faith formation lessons with the life of the parish community experienced in the Sunday Eucharist. The content of the program flows from the Sunday Gospel and children learn their faith within the rhythms of the liturgical year of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time.
2. Sunday Mass: The Sunday Liturgy is the heart of the parish community. As you listen to the Gospel reading in Church, the students hear it first in class so when they attend Mass, they are familiar with the Gospel reading and have had an opportunity to integrate its meaning into their lives.
3. Family Involvement: The whole family can easily share in the learning because all children are studying lessons based on the same Gospel proclaimed in church on Sunday.
4. Unique Materials: Pflaum Gospel Weeklies are not a textbook. Each week they receive a new lesson in a form that is appealing to them. They also each receive a handbook called “What the Church Believes and Teaches.” This handbook contains all the doctrinal elements that are considered essential at each grade level.
5. Five Editions: The Weeklies follow the three cycles of Gospel readings in five editions used to cover all the grade levels: Seeds (preschool), Promise (Grades K-1st), Good News (2nd & 3rd), Venture (4th -6th), and Vision (7th & 8th).
6. Online Resources: The free resources offered online are designed for the family, along with seasonal resources as well. All can be found at pflaumgospelweeklies.com. When registering at [www.pflaumgospelweeklies.com](http://www.pflaumgospelweeklies.com) use the customer password of 118730.

**High School Textbook :**

There is no textbook for high school faith formation. Instead, the Archdiocese of Dubuque Parish High School Faith Formation Proposed Topics is used. This document is based on the “Adaptation of Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age For use in Parish and Youth Ministry Programs” which was created by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This archdiocesan curriculum was created to implement the USCCB adaptation of the high school curriculum. This curriculum can be found at the https://dbqarch.org/high-school-religious-education. There are six themes that are rotated through every 3 years.

Theme #1: Revelation of Jesus Christ in Scripture Fall 2023
Theme #2: Who is Jesus Christ Spring 2024
Theme #3: Jesus Christ’s Mission Continues in the Church Fall 2024
Theme #4: The Mission of Jesus Christ (Paschal Mystery) Spring 2025
Theme #5: Sacraments as Privileged Encounters with Jesus Fall 2025
Theme #6: Life in Christ Spring 2026

We take the theme and more specific objectives and plan activities that fit those objectives.

**Faith Formation Prayer List: Created by Faith Formation Commission**

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| **Preschool**MemorizeSign of the CrossBecome Familiar WithOur Father/Lord’s PrayerHail Mary | **Kindergarten**Recite from Memory (previously learned)Sign of the CrossNew to Memorize this YearHail MaryBecome Familiar WithOur Father/Lord’s PrayerGlory Be |
| **First Grade**Recite from Memory (previously learned)Sign of the CrossHail MaryNew to Memorize this YearOur Father/Lord’s PrayerGlory BeBecome Familiar WithNo new ones this year | **Second Grade**Recite from Memory (previously learned)Sign of the CrossHail MaryGlory BeOur Father/Lord’s PrayerNew to Memorize this YearAct of ContritionBecome Familiar WithThe Ten Commandments |
| **Third Grade**Recite from Memory (previously learned)Sign of the CrossHail MaryGlory BeOur Father/Lord’s PrayerAct of ContritionTen CommandmentsNew to Memorize this YearNo new ones this year.Become Familiar WithMemorareAngelusThe Rosary | **Fourth Grade**Recite from Memory (previously learned)Sign of the CrossHail MaryGlory BeOur Father/Lord’s PrayerAct of ContritionThe Ten CommandmentsNew to Memorize this YearMemorareAngelusThe RosaryBecome Familiar WithNo new ones this year |
| **Fifth Grade**Recite from Memory (previously learned)Sign of the CrossHail MaryGlory BeOur Father/Lord’s PrayerAct of ContritionThe Ten CommandmentsThe RosaryMemorareAngelusNew to Memorize this YearApostles’ CreedBecome Familiar WithSeven Sacraments | **Sixth Grade**Recite from Memory (previously learned)Sign of the CrossHail MaryGlory BeOur Father/Lord’s PrayerAct of ContritionThe Ten CommandmentsThe RosaryMemorareAngelusApostles’ CreedNew to Memorize this YearSeven SacramentsBecome Familiar WithNicene Creed |
| **Seventh and Eighth Grade**Recite from Memory (previously learned)Sign of the CrossHail MaryGlory BeOur Father/Lord’s PrayerAct of ContritionThe Ten CommandmentsThe RosaryMemorareAngelusApostles’ CreedSeven SacramentsNew to Memorize this YearNicene CreedCome, Holy Spirit (Prayer to the Holy Spirit)Become Familiar With No additional this year |  |

**Sacramental Preparation Policy for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation**

Families in St. John’s Faith Formation program must be registered members of St. John. Candidates must be baptized members of the Catholic faith. Persons not baptized in the Catholic tradition must be involved in a catechumenate process to prepare for the sacrament. All sacramental programs are parent involved. Parent/Guardian education is aimed to assist parents in fulfilling their roles as primary educators. All parents/guardians are required to attend meetings for sacramental preparation if a child/youth is to participate in the sacramental celebration. Sacramental Team for first sacraments: Linda Hansmeier (CRE), Marcy McElroy (DYAM), Natalie Klostermann, Katie Hartelt, Katlyn Henik, Tracey Louwagie, Julie Broulik.

**First Reconciliation:**

* A child must have been in a religious education program at least one year prior to preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
* Catechesis for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place before catechesis for the Sacrament of Eucharist.
* The minimum age for a person preparing for the sacrament is seven years old.
* The expectation is that the child is immersed in a faith filled home where weekly celebration of the Eucharist is norm.
* The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered to the children at a communal celebration in February prior to their First Communion.
* Parents/Candidates: Parents are to attend a parent meeting and Parents and First Communion Candidate are to attend a First Reconciliation Retreat before First Reconciliation takes place.

**First Communion:**

* A child must have been in a religious education program at least one year prior to preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist.
* Catechesis for the Sacrament of Eucharist takes place after the catechesis for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
* The minimum age for a person preparing for the sacrament is seven years old.
* The expectation is that the child is immersed in a faith filled home where weekly celebration of the Eucharist is norm.
* First Eucharist celebrations take place throughout the Easter Season on specified dates.
* Parents are to attend sacramental preparation meetings and Parents/Candidates a First Eucharist Retreat before First Eucharist takes place.

**Confirmation:**

* Candidates must be baptized.
* It is asked that Confirmation takes place during sophomore year, after candidates complete their freshman year of faith formation before preparing for Confirmation.
* Candidate is to be a practicing Catholic, attending Mass weekly and asked to be confirmed in their home parish.
* Candidates should be enrolled in faith formation classes in addition to Confirmation preparation.
* The expectation is the teen is immersed in a faith filled home and family where celebration of the Eucharist is the norm. The weekly opportunity to receive Jesus in the Eucharist is a beautiful gift.
* The Candidate should participate in all aspects of the Confirmation process.
* The Candidate is asked to continue their involvement and sharing their gifts and talents with the Church. This may look like becoming a Eucharistic minister, lector, getting more involved in-service projects or even joining a parish committee.
* Faith formation continues throughout high school, so the newly confirmed are asked to participate and be an example to the younger students.

**Social Media**

The following resources are available to keep in touch with what is happening at St. John on a current basis:

St. John’s web site—Go to stjohnmv.org

Weekly Bulletin—Pick one up after Mass or go to the web site to view.

Facebook—in your personal Facebook account go to St. John the Baptist, Mount Vernon.

Twitter—go to StJohnsMV Instagram—go to stjohn\_mv

Mass—Cannot make it to Mass—Go to your Facebook account and enter St. John the Baptist, Mount Vernon or view it on YouTube under St. John the Baptist Catholic Church-Mt. Vernon, Iowa

Check out the various bulletin boards in the hallway.

**Guidelines and Procedures**

**Communication**: During the year written communication to parents through email or School Systems will be used. At times, notes will be sent home with your children/youth. Ongoing communication between catechists and parents is highly recommended. If a problem develops please contact Linda or Marcy.

**Calendar Changes:** The calendar will be posted in the parent handbook and on the web site. When major changes are made parents will be notified via email.

**Inclement Weather:** In the event of inclement weather or need to close, cancellation of classes will be announced on radio station WMG, television station KCRG, a notice will be forwarded to every family by both email and text message. Text message permission must be checked by the parents when registering their child/children for classes to receive a text message.

If both Mt. Vernon and Lisbon Schools are cancelled due to weather conditions, faith formation classes for that day will be cancelled. If the reasons for school closings due to weather conditions, or other conditions that force a school to close but do not affect evening faith formation classes, classes will be held. Parents will be notified.

**Arrival & Dismissal:** Wednesday evening—All students/catechists in grades 5-12 will enter and leave the building through the Education Wing doors. Doors to the education wing will be unlocked at 4:00 p.m. and locked at 7:45 p.m. 5th-8th Grade students will leave through the level assigned to them. They have been designated to either leave by the Education wing doors on the upper level or the doors on the lower level. All high school students and catechists are asked to park on the North side of the upper-level parking lot and enter and leave by the Education Wing doors.

Sunday morning—All students, kindergarten – 4th grade will be dismissed through the education wing doors. It is asked that parents come into the Education Wing gathering space to pick up their child/children. The goal is to prevent young children from running out in front of moving vehicles. You may drive up and park in front of the doors but please come in to get your child. Hall monitors do not always recognize the drivers or may not know them. This is for your child/children’s concern for safety.

Parents of students who walk home are asked to provide a written permission note to the CRE. If your child/children are riding home with someone other than a family member please provide written permission with the name of other person picking them up, to the CRE.

**Attendance:** Attendance at faith formation classes and programs are essential to develop a sense of belonging to St. John’s parish community, for growth in your child/children’s relationship with God, and for an ongoing understanding of our Catholic faith.

**Special Needs:** Any special needs must be provided when registering your son or daughter for faith formation or contact the CRE or the DYAM. This information will be communicated to the appropriate catechist.

**Safe Environment Training for Students** will be offered once every three years in two ways. (1) A safe-environment questioner to share with their child or children will be sent to you. (2) A safe-environment training will be provided to select grades and as parents you will be notified when this takes place.

**Safe Environment**: Any person who works with children/young adults under the age of 18 must complete a Safe Environment Training. Anyone, age 18 or older, who works with children/young adults who have completed the Safe Environment Training in the past are now being asked to be retrained by the Archdiocese of Dubuque, once every five years. This includes all adults and helpers 18 years old and older helping with VBS/Totus Tuus. Go to <https://dubuque.cmgconnect.org/>. Click the green “Sign In” button in the upper right corner to log in with your existing account. Once you have completed your training, you can access your completion certificate by returning to the training dashboard and clicking ‘Download Certificate.’

If you are a new volunteer go to <https://dubuque.cmgconnect.org/> and create an account under “Register for a New Account.” Select New Employee/Volunteer as your category. Your dashboard will show you the required and optional training curriculums that have been customized for your particular role within the Archdiocese. Click ‘Start Curriculum’ under the Safe Environment Training to begin. On the last page of the curriculum, submit your background check information. NOTE: the curriculum will remain “In Process” until your background check is processed and reviewed by the archdiocese. After you are certified, you can access your completion certificate by returning to the training dashboard and clicking “Download Certificate.” If you have any questions contact the office manager, Trevor Gretten at dbq137sec@dbqarch.org. The certificate is for your own use and knowledge.

**Field Trips****:** If a field trip is planned, parents are required to give written permission for a child to participate. Permission forms must be signed by parents before departure. Parents are encouraged to assist in transportation and/or as chaperons. Parents who wish to be drivers must complete an online driving test and have received safe-environment training. Parents who wish to be chaperones must also have received safe-environment training.

**Discipline Policy:** Each catechist will clarify and set-up goals for learning and establish classroom guidelines. Their guidelines will be posted so that they are visible in each classroom. Goal-setting and positive consequences encourage students to choose appropriate behavior. Normal discipline problems are handled by the classroom catechist.

If there are recurrent or serious problems, the catechist discusses the situation with the Coordinator of Religious Education (Pre-8th) and with the Director of Youth and Adult Ministries (9-12) . If the student is dismissed from class, he/ she meets with the CRE or the DYAM. If the student agrees to change their behavior, they return to class. If the behavior continues the CRE or DYAM will call the parents and invite them to a meeting with the student at an appropriate time to discuss the incident.

St. John Faith Formation Calendar: 2023-2024

September 10: Catechist Inservice @ 4:00 p.m.

September 13: Parent Night-parent meeting & Mass 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

September 17: Catechetical Sunday and Faith Formation Open House following Mass

September 20: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

September 24: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

 **Sacramental Parent Meeting Following Mass. Childcare provided.**

September 27: 6:00-7:15 p.m. Family Time

October 1: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

October 4: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

October 8: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

 Blessing of the Animals: 2:30 p.m. in prayer garden

October 11: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

October 15: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

 **Confirmation Session (following Mass)**

October 18: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

October 22: Family Time

October 25: Family Time

October 29: Children’s Mass

 **Trunk or Treat (following Mass.)**

November 1: Holy Day of Obligation, All Saints Mass 7:00 p.m.

November 5: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

November 8: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

November 12: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

 **Confirmation Session (following Mass)**

November 15: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

November 19: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

 **Reconciliation Retreat: Parents & Candidates, following Mass, 9:30**

November 22: **Family Time**

November 23: **Thanksgiving**

November 26: Children’s Mass **Family Time**

November 29: **Family Time**

December 2: First Reconciliation @ 10:00 a.m.

December 3: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

December 6: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

December 10: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

 **Confirmation Inscription Ceremony 2:00 p.m.**

December 13: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

December 17: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

December 20: 5th t0 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

December 24: Family Time

December 25: **Christmas**

December 27**: Family Time**

December 31: Children's Mass Family Time

January 3: **Epiphany Program @ 6:00 p.m.**

January 7: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

Catechist Inservice following classes until 12:00 p.m.

January 10: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

January 14: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

January 17: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

January 21: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

 **First Communion Parent Meeting, following Mass**

 **Confirmation Session 2pm**

January 24: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

January 28: Children’s Mass **Family Time**

January 31: **Family Time**

February 4: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

 **Confirmation (following Mass)**

February 7: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

February 11: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

**Pancake Breakfast – Faith Formation Service Project-all funds will support**

**“Take Away Hunger” to be held April 10, 2024**

February 14: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-8:00 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

 **Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00 p.m. 5th – 8th Grade students attend Mass with**

 **Catechists. 9th – 12th Grade attend Mass as class.**

February 18: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

February 21: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

February 25: Children’s Mass **Family Time**

February 28: **Family Time**

March 3: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

 **Parish Auction following Mass. Childcare provided.**

 **Confirmation Retreat following Mass (To Be Determined)**

March 6: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

March 10: Spring Break

March 13: Spring Break

March 17: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

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March 20: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

March 24: Palm Sunday

March 27: **Shadow Stations (High School) 7:00 p.m.**

March 29: **Good Friday Service, St. Isidore, Springville, 2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross.**

 **Good Friday Service 3:00 p.m. .**

**March 30: Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.**

**March 31: Easter, 8:00 a.m. Mass**

April 3: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

April 7: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

 **Bread of Life First Communion Retreat, 9:30 -1:30 p.m.**

April 10: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

 **“Take Away Hunger” will replace normal class times. All students on deck**

 **Grades 5-12.**

April 14: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

 **First Communions during Mass**

April 17: 5th to 8th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m., High School 7:00-8:30 p.m.

April 21: Kindergarten – 4th grade, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

  **Confirmation during Mass**

April 24: All Grades, 6:00 p.m. **Closing Mass**, 6:30 p.m.

 All Students, grade K - 12 go to class and attend Mass with their Catechists

April 28: Children’s Mass

 **First Communions during Mass**

May 26: Children’s Mass

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