



Discipleship Update

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Our New Prague Area Catholic Community parish mission:

We are a Catholic community forming disciples of Jesus Christ dedicated to loving God through our worship, sharing the Good News, and loving service to others.

growing
together

Preach the Gospel at all times.

If necessary, use words.

This verse is often attributed to St. Francis, but it's highly unlikely he ever said these words. It's not recorded in any of the early writings by or about him. Since he was a preacher, he certainly used words, and to great effect.

It might make us more comfortable to think we can share the Gospel by what we do, absolving us of the call to evangelize in **both** word and deed. What we do is certainly important and Pope Francis calls us to show our loves through action, not just empty words.

However, the truth remains that sometimes we need to use words to tell the story of Jesus and the story of our own faith journeys. We need to encourage the discouraged, comfort those who are hurting, share the hope that comes from belief in a loving God. We need to share the words of scripture that teach and enlighten and challenge us.

This Lent, besides choosing actions to prepare ourselves for the Easter celebration, let's look for ways to use our words to share our faith and the Gospel. Jesus promises us the Spirit to help us know what to say. (Luke 12:12)

And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. *Colossians 3:17*

There's more to the story...

If you missed it the first time, you have a second chance.

The Great Story of Jesus
the basic message of good news.

Saturday -Mar. 2, from 8:30-3:30 in the PAC. Bring your Bible and prepare to dig into the great story of our salvation in Jesus Christ, in nine acts. The day will present the Gospel in video format with quiet time for reflection, small group discussion and time with fellow parishioners.

Comments from past attendees:

"Today was a really great day. When life is so busy, it's nice to set aside time to be with the Lord and build community in our parish."

"It was an exceptional experience. It helped me to renew my focus of making God the center of my life on a daily basis."

Register by Wednesday Feb. 27 by contacting Laura in the Faith Formation office at laura.schoenecker@npcatholic.org or 952-758-5131. The suggested offering is \$15 for materials and food.

