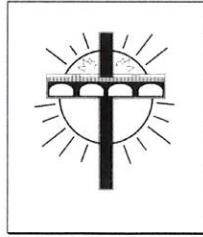


# WATERLOO CATHOLIC PARISHES



## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### K-8 Religious Education/Faith Formation

- Wednesday RE\* -- Meets 6:15 pm-7:30 pm at Sacred Heart School. Sept. 13, 2017 through April 2018
  - Sunday RE\* -- Meets 8:15 am - 10:15 am at Blessed Sacrament School 2 Sundays a month October 1, 2017 - May, 2018
  - Summer RE -- 9 am - Noon daily for 2 weeks; Next session is June, 2018
- \* There's still time to register! Contact Kelleryn Rauzi.

#### 9-12 Religious Education/Faith Formation

- YDISCIPLE is a new program that replaces CORE.
- YDISCIPLE uses gender-specific faith sharing groups to introduce students to a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church
- YDISCIPLE groups are NOT just for public school students; all are invited and welcome.

**Contact: Kelleryn Rauzi 233-0744 or**  
[kellerynrauzyff@gmail.com](mailto:kellerynrauzyff@gmail.com)

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth ministry offers programs and opportunities for students in grades 6-12. The goal is to bring youth closer to Christ through: *Advocacy, Catechesis, Community, Evangelization, Justice & Service, Leadership Development, Pastoral Care, Prayer & Worship.*

The metro youth ministry office is located at Columbus Catholic High School

#### High School Metro Youth Ministry

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays from 6:15pm-8:00pm beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Other events throughout the year will be posted on our website and in parish bulletins

### YOUTH MINISTRY (cont.)

#### Middle School Youth Ministry

- Held twice a month with dates to be determined soon.
- SAVE THE DATE: November 4<sup>th</sup>: Archdiocesan Middle School "Youth Jam" at Blessed Maria. This is a high-energy day filled with music, prayer, food and mass. Registration forms will be available on our website in mid-September!

**Contact: Annie Zeets 233-3358 ext 1134 or**  
[dbqwcym@arch.org](mailto:dbqwcym@arch.org)

### SACRAMENT PREPARATION for Youth

#### Confirmation - Metro Preparation Program

- For 11<sup>th</sup> (or 12<sup>th</sup>) graders from Waterloo parishes
- Letters were mailed August 18. Contact Julie Niemeyer if interested but did not receive letter.
- Candidate & Parent Info Meeting (for all parishes) - Choose one to attend:
  - Sept. 10 @ 4:00pm at St. Edward Parish Hall
  - Sept. 13 @ 6:30pm at St. Edward Parish Hall

#### First Sacraments for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in school or RE (First Reconciliation & First Communion)

- Letters will be mailed (or sent home with Catholic school students) during the week of Sept. 5. Contact Julie Niemeyer if you don't receive a letter.
- Parent Info Meetings (for all parishes) - Choose one to attend:
  - Sept. 26 or 28 @ 6:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish Center
  - Sept. 27 @ 10 am or 6:30 pm (in English and Spanish) at Sacred Heart church basement.

#### PREP (Penance/Reconciliation & Eucharist Preparation - Gr. 3-12)

- For students in grades 3-8 in Catholic School or RE programs who have not yet celebrated First Sacraments.
- Parent Meeting (for all parishes) - Wed, Oct. 11 @ 6:30 pm -- Sacred Heart O'Hagan Hall
- Students in grades 9-12 need to celebrate First Sacraments should contact Julie Niemeyer.

#### Children's Initiation

- For children grade 3 and older who have not yet been Baptized
- Contact Julie Niemeyer

**Contact: Julie Niemeyer 234-9912 or**  
[jniemeyerff@gmail.com](mailto:jniemeyerff@gmail.com)



## Adult Faith Formation

- **Rite of Christian Reception** (for individuals who have been baptized, catechized and practicing in another Christian tradition).  
Information Meeting: Sept. 14. 6:30pm. Putz Hall, Blessed Sacrament Parish. Sessions meet on Thursday Evenings, 6:30-8:00pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish.
- **First Tuesday Marriage Enrichment**  
Open House Sept. 12, 7:00-8:00pm. at COR, 220 E. 4th St. Monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00-8:30pm at COR (220 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.)
- **Bible Timeline** video series  
Starts Sept. 19. 6:30-8:30pm. Sacred Heart Rectory Classroom. Meets weekly on Monday evenings through Dec. 12.
- **Catholic Witness Hour**  
Monday, Sept. 25. 6:30-7:30pm. Blessed Sacrament Parish Center  
Also Nov. 27, Jan. 29. May 21, July 23.
- **Catholic Speakers Series**  
Bishop Richard E. Pates discusses Pope Francis' encyclical "On the Care of Our Common Home" Thurs., Sept. 21. 7:00-8:30pm at COR, 220 E. 4th
- Find our weekly **Bulletin Board** of opportunities for Catholic adults online  
at: <https://waterloocatholics.org/bulletin-board>
- Find out more about our regular email series, **Trending Today, Saturday Sabbath** and **Sunday's Word** by sending an email message to: [dbqwcfa@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqwcfa@dbqarch.org)
- Find daily prayers, readings, and liturgical information on our **Facebook** page at: [www.facebook.com/WaterlooCatholics](http://www.facebook.com/WaterlooCatholics)
- **Ongoing Opportunities at COR (220 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.)**
  - Inactive and Alienated Catholics Forum -- Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 7:00-8:00
  - Gay and Lesbian Catholics Forum -- Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 7:00-8:00
  - Forum for Family Members of Gay and Lesbian Catholics -- Meets quarterly (Nov. 30, March 29, May 31, Aug. 30) 7:00-8:00 pm

**Contact: Dave Cushing 319-234-0498 or**  
[dbqwcfa@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqwcfa@dbqarch.org)

- **Rite of Christian Initiation** Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic? Not much past experience in a faith tradition? Never been baptized? We would love to talk with you! Contact Ellen Kuchera for more information at [dbqwcya@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqwcya@dbqarch.org) or 319-349-6710.

## Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-39)

- **Get to Know Your Neighbors**
  - Description: Explore other churches, faith traditions, and religions in the Cedar Valley to enrich your own life as a Catholic and to grow in deeper understanding and relationship with your brothers and sisters.
  - Structure: Usually we partake in Adult Faith Formation (if offered), the service, and discuss the experience over coffee or a meal after. All are welcome to attend all or any parts of the day.
  - Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month
  - Next up: September 10
- **Small Groups**
  - Description: Men's, women's, and coed small groups meet at various times for young adults
  - Structure: varies – Scripture studies, book studies, Scripture faith sharing etc.
  - Sign-up at [waterloocatholics.org/small-groups](http://waterloocatholics.org/small-groups)
- **Connect with us:**
  - Text wcff (all lowercase) to 84576 or go to ([flocknote.com/wcff](http://flocknote.com/wcff)).
  - Flocknote will respond with a text with a link. Click on the link and follow the prompts to input your contact information
  - Click on the groups you would like updates from (be sure to include Young Adults & COR at 220 East)
  - Choose how often you want to receive YOUNG ADULT updates: monthly, weekly, and/or daily
  - Choose which community you are in (college students, parents, singles, married couples etc.)
  - Flocknote ask for some additional contact info. Follow the prompts. Flocknote will then send you an email. Click the link in the email to verify your email address
  - Click "Explore Groups" to preference whether you wish to receive information via text or email

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