



2016—2017

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WEEK ONE ~ FULL COMMUNITY FAITH FORMATION

2016-2017

THEME ~ THE PARABLES AND STORIES OF JESUS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:

An Introduction to the Parables of Jesus

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5:

Parables about the Last Things

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9: *Week Two

Parables about Mercy

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7:

Stories about the Birth of Jesus

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4:

Parables about Wealth and Possessions

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1:

Parables about the Kingdom of God

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8: *Week Two

Parables about Prayer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5:

Parables about Discipleship

All Week One sessions begin
with dinner at 6:00 pm in Wagner Hall
followed by age appropriate breakout sessions.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This sacrament welcomes one into the family of God and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. Participation in one baptism class is required for parents with first time baptisms. This class will clarify the roles of parents, godparents, and the meaning of the various signs and symbols used within the baptismal rite. Baptisms are scheduled on the first Sunday of every month after the last Mass (except during Lent). Please call the Parish Office at 812.944.1184, ext. 5 to register for a baptism class or to schedule a baptism.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The celebration of First Reconciliation occurs in early winter of the second grade year for most students. First Reconciliation will be celebrated this year on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 10:00 am in the church. To prepare for the sacrament, our second grade school and Faith Formation children begin their classroom catechesis soon after school begins. Families are included in the child's preparation through Week One gatherings, evening sessions for parents only on September 21st & October 19th, 2016, and an evening session for parents and children on November 16, 2016.

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation for First Eucharist begins in January for second grade students in our school and Faith Formation program. This year's First Communion Mass will be celebrated on April 23, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Besides the classroom catechesis, there are Week One gatherings, an evening gathering on January 25, 2017, and family sessions on February 8th & March 22nd, 2017. In addition, an all day retreat for the children will be held on April 23, 2017. Parents are encouraged to attend this day of retreat if possible.

SACRAMENT OF THE CONFIRMATION

Preparation for Confirmation is open to all high school youth who have not already been confirmed in the Catholic Church. Candidates for this sacrament will be prepared through a series of gatherings. The Confirmation date is scheduled by the Indianapolis Archdiocese. The date will be determined at a later date.

SACRAMENT OF THE CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

The sacrament of Confirmation is available for any baptized Catholic, not just high school youth. Adults who were baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation may contact the New Albany Deanery Aquinas Center to inquire about the annual deanery Confirmation program for adults. Please call 812.246.5041.

SACRAMENT OF THE MARRIAGE

Preparation for the sacrament of Marriage must begin at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date. Engaged couples may call the parish office to schedule their first meeting with Fr. Eric or Fr. Adam. A marriage sponsor couple will be assigned and a required one-day retreat will be offered on the Our Lady campus in the spring and fall.

FAITH FIRST

Faith First is the faith formation program at Our Lady for children ages 4 through grade 5. This program is open to all parish children but is especially geared for children who attend public or non-Catholic private schools. The children and their families participate in the Week One activities of One Church, One Faith in addition to weekly classroom meetings.

Faith First Schedule:

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm—7:45 pm in Parish Office Classrooms

1st Wednesday of the Month (Week One), 6:00 pm—8:00 pm, Wagner Hall

FIRST COMMUNION TEACHING MASS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017 AT 6:30 PM

Children and their parents who are preparing for First Communion join Fr. Eric as he explains the different parts the Mass during the celebration of an actual Liturgy. Everyone is invited to learn why we do what we do during the Mass.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Our Lady of Perpetual Help process for faith development of youth addresses the many components of a comprehensive approach to youth ministry as outlined in “Renewing the Vision”, a document penned by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The faith development process for high school and middle school youth involves regular participation in weekly liturgy, faith formation in the home, participation in a wide variety of retreats, activities and social events offered by the parish and deanery youth ministry programs. Outlined below are the dates and times of this year’s youth programming. Youth and their families are encouraged to participate in the Week One activities of One Church, One Faith. **Additional information for youth ministry can be found in the bulletin, parish website (www.olphna.org) and deanery website (www.nadyouth.org) or by contacting the parish office. (812.944.1184).**

Middle School and High School Faith Formation Schedule:

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm—7:45 pm in Parish Office

Sundays, 6:00 pm—7:15 pm in the Youth Room

1st Wednesday of the Month (Week One), 6:00 pm—8:00 pm, Wagner Hall

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church offers a fine process for helping adults who are not Catholic to learn and discern if the Catholic faith and community is what they seek and want in their walk with Jesus Christ. The RCIA follows a school year schedule of faith formation meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings from August through April. In addition, three rites will mark this process: The Rite of Acceptance and Welcome, The Rite of Sending, and the Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. For more information, contact Tom Yost.

RCIA Schedule:

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm—8:00 pm in Parish Office Basement (Ed Day Hall)

1st Wednesday of the Month (Week One), 6:00 pm—8:00 pm, Wagner Hall

BIBLE STUDIES

There are a variety of Adult Faith Formation programs offered at Our Lady including Bible studies and small faith sharing opportunities.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:

Meets every Tuesday evening year-round at 7:00 pm in the St. Joe Room of the Parish Office. Studies rotate among topics selected by the group. For more information, contact Lori Hamilton at 812.944.2065 or study facilitator Joe Proctor at 812.945.3667.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:

The Wednesday evening group is currently studying *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom*. The Acts of the Apostles provides us more than a history of the First Christians— it is the story about the Early Church with the Holy Spirit as the protagonist. Christ did not leave His Apostles alone – He sent the Holy Spirit to guide, instruct and equip them. Enrich and deepen your faith as you learn how the Apostles continued Christ’s mission on earth through the Power of the Holy Spirit. Join us in the St. Joe Room of the Parish Office on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:30 pm. For more information, please contact Lori Hamilton at 812.944.2065.

WOMEN OF THE WORD— FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

This is a study group for women that meets on Friday mornings in the parish office building. This women’s group meets August—May from 9:00 am—11:00 am. The ladies will “*Rediscover Jesus*” using the book by Matthew Kelly. *Rediscover Jesus* is a powerful book that encourages us in our weariness, challenges us in our comfort, and invites us to rediscover the beautiful possibilities God places before us daily. Each page seems to effortlessly reach deep into our lives, providing spiritual wisdom and practical insights that help us get to know both Jesus and ourselves in a new way. For more information, please call Lori Hamilton at 812.944.2065.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDIES:

Materials are available at the Parish Office for families or small groups for the Quick Journey, Bible Time Line, & the Acts and Matthew studies. If interested, please call Lori Hamilton at 812.944.2065.

IN HOME BIBLE STUDY:

If you are interested in joining an in-home study or beginning one, please contact Lori Hamilton at 812.944.2065.

CHILDCARE MINISTRY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help offers free childcare on Wednesday evenings. This service is provided by parishioners who have completed a background check and have taken the Safe and Sacred Training. Childcare takes place in the preschool rooms in the school—right across from the gym. In order to provide adequate supervision for the children, reservations are required. ***Please contact Laurie Slusser at 812.944.1184, ext. 5 to make reservations for your child.***

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

FAMILY FUN FEST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016—NOON—3:00 PM

As part of their return to the parish, the Main Event Committee, along with help from Our Lady's Men's Group, is sponsoring a Parish Family Fun Fest following the 11 am Mass. A cookout style meal of hamburgers, hot dogs and chips will be provided. Children's activities will include a bouncy house and face painting among others.

PET BLESSING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016—BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM

Celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi and bring the entire family (including your dog, cat, bird, hamster, etc.) for a pet blessing on the parish



COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016—9:00 AM—12 NOON

Join your parish family with Mass beginning at 8:00 am followed by a gathering in Wagner Hall. Service sites are selected prior to the day of service by individuals or families registered to volunteer. Parishioners in need of a service may contact the parish office prior to the day by calling Tom Yost at 812.945.2374.

FORTY HOURS

NOVEMBER 9—11, 2016



Forty Hours is a special period of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Wednesday, November 9th at 8:00 pm and continue through Friday, November 11th at noon. Volunteers will be needed to commit to hour-long periods of prayer during these times. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH THANKSGIVING FEAST

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2016 AT 5:30 PM

It is an annual Our Lady tradition and all are welcome! Join your Parish family as we celebrate God's many blessings. The annual Parish Thanksgiving Feast begins with Mass at 5:30 pm in the church followed by a pitch-in dinner in Wagner Hall. This evening of fellowship is sponsored by the Faith Formation Commission. Turkey, mashed potatoes, drinks, and table service will be provided. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share.

(There will be no One Church, One Faith sessions on Wednesday, November 23rd.)

Please bring a dish to share based upon the first letter of your last name:

A-E, Bring a Dessert

F-L, Bring a Salad

M-Z, Bring a vegetable



COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

FUTURE FULL OF HOPE MASS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016 AT 6:30 PM

Future Full of Hope: Honoring Children We Have Entrusted to the Lord is a Mass for families and individuals grieving pregnancy, infant, or childhood losses including stillbirths, ectopic pregnancies, abortions, miscarriages, early infant and early childhood losses. If you have lost a child, grandchild, sibling, family member or friend through any of these losses please consider joining us for this special Mass. Following Mass a reception with light refreshments will be served in Wagner Hall.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016 AT 1:00 PM

Make plans to create your own advent wreath to adorn your home in the sights and smells of the advent season! This event will take place from 1:00—3:00 pm in Ed Day Hall, the basement of the Parish Office. All are welcome to come and join in! Fresh greenery and foam will be provided for a nominal fee. Reservations are required in order to have enough supplies. Please contact Lori Hamilton to reserve your spot by calling 812.944.2065.



THE LONGEST NIGHT: MASS OF CONSOLATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016 AT 7:00 PM

This Mass offers a consoling message through music, Word, and Sacrament; while respecting one's need to sit or wrestle with grief and loss they may be experiencing during the "holiday" season. All are welcome.

LENTEN RETREAT

THURSDAY, MARCH 9th—SATURDAY, MARCH 11th, 2017

Our parish offers an annual retreat for parishioners during Lent beginning on a Thursday and Friday evening from 6:00 pm—10:00 pm & ending on a Saturday morning from 8:00 am—Noon. This is a great opportunity to spend time in prayer and reflection with your parish family. The retreat is lay-led and will include witness talks, small group discussions, music and food! Come and enrich your Lenten journey!



SOUP & SOUL FOOD

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 15th, 22nd, AND 29th

Join us on these three Wednesdays in Lent for a simple soup supper beginning at 6:30 pm followed by a talk.

12 HOURS OF GRACE ~ ALL DAY RECONCILIATION

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017—8:00 AM—8:00 PM

Priests are available throughout this time period for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with short prayer services being held at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm and Mass at 5:30 pm.

TENEBRAE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017—8:00 PM—9:00 PM

The word Tenebrae is Latin for shadows or darkness. The tenebrae service is an ancient tradition in Christian history that took place on one of the last three days of Holy Week—Matins and Lauds. The purpose of the somber service was to remember the events that occurred in Jesus' life from the exuberant entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through the night of Jesus' burial on Good Friday.

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