

Raising Our Faith

Junior Disciples (4K/5K): During Sunday Mass

Youth Formation (Grades 1-5): Wednesdays 3:30-4:30

Teen Formation (Grades 6-High School): Wednesdays 6:30-7:30

Family Formation, Confirmation Prep, and Reconciliation/First Communion Prep: See Emailed Calendars

Snack & Recess

Youth Formation enjoys a short recess and snack time between their arrival and the time we start at 3:30. We are looking for easily portioned or pre-portioned snacks, sports balls, and other indoor and outdoor fun items that require minimal set-up. Myself and our children thank you in advance.

Absent?

Please call or email prior to class 608-884-3038, Option 2 or CRE@StJoeEdgerton.org

GOD IS IN THE DETAILS

Wow, we are a month in and the children are all settling into their routines in our program.
We are getting busier here at church. We are participating in RCC's Trunk or Treat event. I selected our theme: "These bones will come to life again". I am looking for teens to help affix the decorations to my van and distribute candy to children. I hope to see many of our elementary kids come by for candy or a teal pumpkin item. I need teens on 10/28/2022 from 5:30-7:15. Please email me to sign up your preteen or teen.
I will be looking for some adult volunteers to help with a November/December cookie bake/decorate event. Each participant will take a dozen cookies home and the rest will go to members of our community. If you are interested in helping, please let me know and we can get a date that works for the most volunteers.
Since next month is November, I am notifying you of our Diocese's Safe Environment program, Circle of Grace. Grades 1-5 will have their presentations on November 9 and Grades 6-12 will have their presentations on November 2. Please see the attached letter for more information on this program.

We are still looking for volunteers within our Sunday and Wednesday programs. On Sundays, it is running Junior Disciples and we accept as much of a commitment as you are able to make. I am also still looking for a middle school catechist for our smaller group of girls.

Also, I need help coming up with ideas for outreach and events for teens and families. Please share them with me!

Thanks for raising your children in the faith. ~Kim Jensen, CFF

St. Joseph's General Calendar of Events

- Sunday, October 9:** Junior Disciples Meet
- Wednesday, October 12:** Youth and Teen Formation Meet
- Sunday, October 16:** Junior Disciples Meet (MASS @ 8:30!)
- Wednesday, October 19:** Youth and Teen Formation Meet
First Reconciliation Retreat @ 3:30PM
- Sunday, October 23:** Junior Disciples Meet
Bishop Hying at Mass & Pig Roast
- Wednesday, October 26:** Youth and Teen Formation Meet
- Sunday, October 30:** Junior Disciples Meet
- Tuesday, November 1:** All Saint's Day Mass - 6:30 @ St Joseph
- Wednesday, November 2:** Youth and Teen Formation Meet

MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 4:00PM @ St Joseph, Edgerton

Sunday: 10:30AM @ St Joseph, Edgerton

10/16- MASS AT 8:30AM!

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturday: Before Mass Every Week - 3:00-3:45PM

Sunday: After Mass - 2nd and 3rd Sunday, ONLY

October 9 & 16, November 13 & 20

Life in Christ - October 2022 Emphasis

The Church is Evangelizing and Welcoming

This month, Pope Francis calls for the world to pray for the Church which is open to everyone. "We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel. May the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality."

GO MAKE DISCIPLES

Evangelization is a requirement of love. In the first place, we must evangelize out of a sincere love for God, "who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2:4). Second, our love for others implies that we sincerely desire their good, and especially their ultimate good, which is eternal life with God in heaven, which can only be obtained by faith in Jesus Christ. And finally, our own salvation is also at stake. For Jesus says to us: "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven" (Matt 10:32-33).

The goal of evangelization is to bring people to repentance and faith, which implies a radical conversion to a life of continual growth as an intentional disciple of Jesus Christ. By faith we offer our minds to God, believing all that he has revealed to us in and through his Son Jesus Christ because of our complete trust in his perfect wisdom and perfect truthfulness. By repentance we offer our hearts to God in a way that necessarily involves (1) acknowledgement of personal sin; (2) true sorrow for our sins; (3) a firm and sincere intention not to sin anymore; (4) and for Catholics, the intention of going to confession. Conversion, therefore, involves a complete transformation of our whole lives.

As part of his 2022-2023 Parish Missions, Bishop Hying is coming to St Mary and St Joseph Parishes the weekend of May 21 & 22, 2023. We will have more details as we get closer. The intended schedule is 6:00PM - Holy Hour with Confessions; 7:00PM - Bishop Hying Talks to the Congregation; 8:00PM - Q&A with Bishop Hying.

WELCOMING

As a way to further open our doors to welcome others, we would like to remind everyone that our Adult and Teen small groups and youth & teen groups are open to those outside of Catholicism. Each group introduction includes what they will be covering. If you know someone that isn't Catholic but might like to join a group, feel free to give the information about the group to that person.

In that same mindset, we are always looking for families to help greet people before mass. If you and your family is able, please think about signing up to greet at 1 mass a month. Our greeters extend the welcome to visitors, newer arrivals, and the regular attendees.

Monthly Family Task: Talk to your children about sharing kindness and welcoming gestures. I always love seeing the students being so kind to our children with extra needs. Still, I see bullying in the schools, too often. So also talk to your children on how

to be an upstander; to stand up for those that are being bullied by others. Being an upstander may be talking to the bully or it might be making a trusted adult aware of the bullying actions. I always tell my students to never put themselves in danger if the bully is violent, but to run for an adult. As Catholics, we are called to be kind to others and to respect their Human Dignity, and this is 1 step that they are able to take towards showing others they believe in God's Love.

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
~Jesus the Nazarian
~John 13:35, NAB

Communion of Saints - This Month's Celebrations

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| October 6: Saint Bruno & Bl Marie Rose Durocher | October 19: Saints Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, et al |
| October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary | October 20: Saint Paul of the Cross |
| October 9: Saints John Leonardi & Denis, et al | October 22: Saint John Paul II |
| October 11: Saint John XXIII | October 23: Saint John of Capistrano |
| October 14: Saint Callistus | October 24: Saint Anthony Mary Claret |
| October 15: St Teresa of Jesus | October 28: Feast of Saints Simon and Jude |
| October 16: Saints Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque | November 1: Solemnity of All Saints |
| October 17: Saint Ignatius of Antioch | November 2: Commemoration of All Souls |
| October 18: Feast of St Luke the Evangelist | |