

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. Thank you to all of the families donating pre-portioned snacks. The children love your contributions!

Absent?

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

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that all feel welcomed at our church. There might be some directing to bathrooms or the nursery, but, once Mass starts, your job is complete.

Part of welcoming others includes reaching out and inviting teens and families to come to church more often outside of mass. I have some ideas, but need some helpers to make them happen. I am also open to ideas from others for event offerings. The upcoming Mandala Stone Paint Nite started as a discussion for a family activity and evolved into its current idea. If you have ideas or would like to occasionally make some ideas happen, please let me know so we can get work to get more teen and family events on our parish calendar.

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

St. Joseph's General Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 7: KoC Soup and Sandwich Social after 4PM Mass

Sunday, January 8: Junior Disciples Meet & Donut Sunday

Wednesday, January 11: Youth and Teen Formation Meet

Sunday, January 15: Junior Disciples Meet

Wednesday, January 18: Youth and Teen Formation Meet

Thursday, January 19: Mandala Stone Paint Nite - Grade 6 and up welcome with an adult - Please RSVP to attend

Sunday, January 22: Junior Disciples Meet

Wednesday, January 25: Youth and Teen Formation Meet

Sunday, January 29: Junior Disciples Meet

Wednesday, February 1: Youth and Teen Formation Meet

Friday, February 3: Eucharistic Adoration after 8AM Mass

Sunday, February 5: Junior Disciples Meet

Tuesday, February 7: Eucharistic Adoration 5:30PM - 8:30PM

GOD IS IN THE DETAILS

The Christmas Season is almost over. This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany, which is its official end.

The youth choir did a great job at the 4PM Christmas Eve Mass. Now, I have a question for families... I grew up participating in a regular youth choir and would love to start that type of monthly youth choir here at St Joseph's. Based on my experience at that mass, I will need some adult helpers to guide the children to the right spot, keep the children participating during mass, etc. Email me if your child(ren) are interested and whether you would be willing to help us out occasionally.

Those families that signed up last October have received their January-March assignments for Mass Helpers. If you would like to sign up your child to be a mass helper for April-June, please let me know and I can get you a link to a newer form.

We are looking for families to act as greeters at ALL weekend masses. Please email Laura at admin@stjoeedgerton.org to get added to that list. As a greeter, you would need to arrive about 15 minutes early. The job is to greet each person so

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION TIMES:

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

Sunday: After Mass - 2nd and 3rd Sunday, ONLY
January 8 & 15; February 12 & 19

MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 4:00PM @ St Joseph, Edgerton

Sunday: 10:30AM @ St Joseph, Edgerton

Life in Christ - January 2023 Emphasis

Educators

This month, Pope Francis calls for the world to pray for educators.

When we think educators, we think those that teach children in a formal environment. These educators do a lot for our children and guide them in their learning. At school, the educators teach the traditional reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. However, their biggest task is teaching friendship, cooperation, kindness, and responsibility. These school teachers really put great effort into our children succeeding in life beyond their school walls.

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.
— Pope Francis

Here within Faith Formation, our team of Catechists serve as witnesses to God's love and share their own faith with those in their room. Standing in the hall, you hear the children learning in ways that work for their age level. What sounds like chaos from our younger ages are hands on activities interspaced with conversations. The teens get some formal instruction followed by discussion and activities to enforce the topics. In all of these programs, you will find information being sent home to the ultimate educators, yourselves.

In Family Formation, the entire family receives instruction at monthly meetings and the adults complete weekly instruction based on their family's schedule and children's learning styles. The adults further their faith journey when teaching the topics to their children. Our Catechists at the weekly Formation meetings notice the same thing. Children have great input and a different view on topics than what we as adults think of. They also ask questions that we might not know the answer of so we also do research to find the proper answer. The only end to our own faith formation journey is our eventual death.

Training

Future Saints



Many parents and guardians don't include themselves in the category of educators, however they are their children's first teachers. As parents, we are around our children all of the time. Children watch what we do and imitate us. I see toddlers in church genuflecting and repeating the Sign of the Cross to the best of their ability. These children haven't been to Formation, yet they learned about reverence to the tabernacle. So take the time to help your young children follow along at the front of the hymnal during Mass and guide them through the actions. Before you know it, they will be saying the prayers and doing the actions without prompting. For those already following along during mass, model mass manners by arriving to church early to say a prayer before mass starts; prompt them to participate in Mass; and, encourage them to use the restroom and bubbler before mass so they can stay in mass for longer.

Modeling the life of a Catholic to your children:

- ◇ Pray for blessings: Do a daily recap of good things and thank God for them.
- ◇ Pray for others: Talk about struggles that they see others have. You may brainstorm some solutions, but also model praying for others and for God to make His solution known.
- ◇ Mass attendance: Make attending a weekend mass a priority and receive the Body of Christ.
- ◇ Talk about the Sermon: You can do a recap with the family and talk about something that each person learned.
- ◇ Monthly Confession: We always tell the children about the spiritual lifting of confession. Clean your soul and your heart.

Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it.
— Psalms 22:6(NAB)

Communion of Saints - This Month's Celebrations

January 4:	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton	January 22:	Saint Vincent
January 5:	Saint John Neumann	January 23:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
January 6:	Saint André Bessette		Saint Marianne Cope
January 7:	Saint Raymond of Penyafort	January 24:	Saint Francis de Sales
January 8:	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	January 25:	Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul
January 9:	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	January 26:	Saints Timothy and Titus
January 13:	Saint Hilary of Poitiers	January 27:	Saint Angela Merici
January 17:	Saint Anthony of Egypt	January 28:	Saint Thomas Aquinas
January 20:	Saint Fabian & Saint Sebastian	January 31:	Saint John Bosco
January 21:	Saint Agnes		