

# Raising Our Faith

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

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

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

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

## Snack & Recess

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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?

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Please call or email prior to class 608-884-3038, Option 2 or CRE@StJoeEdgerton.org  
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My note ends with an event we are having this Sunday at 10:30 Mass. We are welcoming all of the RCIA Candidates to our church community. Please come and show your support for the 8 Adults and 2 kids currently in RCIA.

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

## GOD IS IN THE DETAILS

We are now over halfway through our year of Formation. Classes have resettled from Christmas Break and we are now prepping for Lent.

Ash Wednesday is February 22, so our last February meeting for Formation. All Youth Formation children will receive ashes at a 3:30PM Ash Distribution service. After the service, they will go to their rooms and learn more about Ash Wednesday and Lent from their Catechists.

The 3:30PM Ash Distribution Service is only open to those with small children. Those families are required to park in the upper lot and enter through the Main Entrance.

As of 3:45PM, all church entrances will be opened for a 4:00PM Ash Distribution Service. This service is open to the public and will allow the use of our lower parking lot, as well. This service will end before the 4:30 PM formation dismissal.

Those in our Wednesday night Teen Formation program will sign-in in the vestibule when they arrive by 6:30ON and will be welcome to sit with their Catechist(s) or with their family. Once mass ends, all teens will be released. This mass will go beyond our usual 7:30 ending.

## St. Joseph's General Calendar of Events

**Friday, February 3:** Eucharistic Adoration after 8AM Mass

**Saturday, February 4:** St Blaise Blessing at Mass; Knights of Columbus Soup and Sandwich after Mass

**Sunday, February 5:** Junior Disciples Meet; St Blaise Blessing at Mass

RCIA Rite of Welcome/Acceptance at Mass; Donut Sunday after Mass

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

**Wednesday, February 8:** Youth and Teen Formation Meet

**Sunday, February 12:** Junior Disciples Meet

**Wednesday, February 15:** Youth and Teen Formation Meet

**Sunday, February 19:** Junior Disciples Meet

**Wednesday, February 22:** Youth and Teen Formation Meet

**Friday, February 24:** Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

**Saturday, February 25:** 5 Minute Eucharistic Adoration at Mass

**Sunday, February 26:** Junior Disciples Meet; 5 Minute Eucharistic Adoration at Mass

RCIA Rite of Sending at Mass

**Wednesday, March 1:** Youth and Teen Formation Meet

**Friday, March 3:** Eucharistic Adoration after 8AM Mass

**Sunday, March 5:** Junior Disciples Meet; Donut Sunday after Mass

**Tuesday, March 7:** Eucharistic Adoration 5:30PM - 8:30PM

### MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:00PM @ St Joseph, Edgerton

**As of March 4, we return to 5:45PM mass time**

Sunday: 10:30AM @ St Joseph, Edgerton

### CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION TIMES

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

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

# Life in Christ - February 2023 Pope Francis's Emphasis

## Parishes

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

Our parish is about to see some big changes, along with the rest of our Diocese of Madison through "Into the Deep". We will have more information about those changes as it is released. The main idea is that the changes will better help us act as missionaries in our community to help those that need it and welcome those that realize they are missing something in their faith life.

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.  
— Pope Francis

At this time, we are looking inside our own parish and how we engage with the community around us. We are restarting regular events inside our parish. We have been offering small adult groups on faith topics for a while. We are restarting regular adult-only fellowship activity nights while alternating in some family and teen-friendly fun events. We do have a cross string art craft coming for adults in March to go along with the season of Lent. The crosses can be as Lent-specific as you wish, so it can be seasonal or daily home décor. We are planning a family event for April and another adult craft event in May. For more information, please watch the bulletin. If you have ideas or would like to help with ideas or making these fellowship events happen, please contact our Business Administrator Laura Kisting or Alexis Johnson from the Fellowship Committee. The Fellowship Committee is looking for more members and is fairly informal.

Our parish outreaches to the community through various programs. There is the Hat, Mitten, and Coat drive for the elementary school in late fall; we have a close relationship with Edgerton Outreach which includes both our ongoing food drive as well as special collections and some of the special drives for their various programs; we are in the rotation for the local Meals on Wheels program; we host a Christmas Gift drive from Edgerton Care Center; and the list does go on.

Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.  
— Matthew 5:16(NAB)

Even our children participate in charitable acts around our community from within their Formation rooms. We have some rooms that plan their own food drives and bring in donations for Edgerton Outreach. They children also create cards for members of our local community, as well as those beyond our community. For Christmas, we make cards for soldiers stationed overseas and for Easter we will make cards for those in Seminary through the Diocese of Madison.

As an extension of Lent's Almsgiving theme, we distribute Rice Bowls for spare change to each child; we are planning a special collection for the Rice Bowls during our meeting times as well as during weekend Mass. There will be more information in the letter attached to the Rice Bowls when we distribute them during Lent.

Since I work in the schools, I get to see the kindness our children share with each other. It is always a refreshing sight to see the children practicing our Church's teachings in real life. In Faith Formation, we emphasize that showing this kindness is one of many ways that we are able to act like Jesus and thus share God's love with others. Parents, thank you for these rays of positivity in my day.

**Family Task for the Month:** My task this month is to continue the great work raising children that care about others and help those in need. The only thing I can think of adding is talking to your children about giving of their extra and include them in the task of giving to others.

Training  
Future  
Saints



### Communion of Saints - This Month's Celebrations

February 2:	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	February 14:	Saints Cyril and Methodius
February 3:	Saint Blase & Saint Ansgar	February 17:	Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
February 5:	Saint Agatha	February 21:	Saint Peter Damian
February 6:	Saints Paul Miki and Companions	February 22:	Ash Wednesday
February 8:	Saint Jerome Emiliani		Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, no celebration this year
	Saint Josephine Bakhita	February 23:	Saint Polycarp
February 10:	Saint Scholastica	February 27:	Saint Gregory of Narek
February 11:	Our Lady of Lourdes		