

Raising Our Faith

Junior Disciples (4K/5K): During Sunday Morning Mass; Labor Day - Memorial Day
 Youth Formation (Grades 1-5): Wednesdays, 3:30pm-4:30pm; Labor Day - Memorial Day
 Teen Formation (Grades 6-12): Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm; October - April
 Family Formation (Sm grp & Lg Grp): See your provided calendar
 Sacrament Preparation: Reconciliation/Communion & Confirmation: See your provided calendar

MASS
 Sunday: 10:30AM
CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION
 Wednesday: After 8AM Mass

Grade 1 - 5 - Snack & Recess

Please send your child(ren) with a snack.

Snack & Recess time ends at 3:25pm.

If you have any sports balls (basketball, football, soccer, etc.), we are looking for useable donations, please!

ABSENT?

Call: 608-884-3038, opt 2

Call/Text: 608-618-4340

Email: CRE@StJoeEdgerton.org

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GOD IS IN THE DETAILS

It is hard to believe that it is already October! The weather definitely hasn't felt like it lately, but it looks like some chillier weather may be coming in soon.

We are getting busier here at St Joseph's. We are participating in RCC's Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 29. We are using the same theme as last year, but adding some more on-theme décor items to our "trunk". The theme is: "These bones will come to life again". I am looking for teens to meet up at the school to help finalize the decorating of my van and distribute candy. This is definitely a social event that the younger St Joseph kids that attend Community Elementary love seeing the "big kids" and getting candy from them. Wear any costume, no

need to worry about not matching the theme. Email me for more information.

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

We are still looking for adult volunteers within our programs. On Sundays, we are looking for classroom helpers for Junior Disciples and we accept as much of a commitment as you are able to make. I am also still looking for a 4th Grade Catechist for Wednesdays 3:30-4:30pm. There is a parent willing to help but they are also a coach so they will be able to lead classes from mid-October through mid-March. She is willing to co-Catechist until March.

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 8 and Grades 6-8 will have their presentations on November 1. Please see the attached letter for more information on this program. If you wish to opt your child out of Circle of Grace, we ask that you review the lesson and provide the form to me at least 1 week before the lesson is presented.

I will also like to notify everyone of the next Generations of Faith meeting. There will be 2 offerings: Sunday, November 5 at 9AM and Monday, November 6 at 6:30PM. These groups will meet in the parish hall (basement).

Thanks for raising your children in a family of faith. ~Kim Jensen, CFF

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Communion of Saints - This Month's Celebrations

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| October 5 | Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos & Saint Faustina Kowalska | October 17: | Saint Ignatius of Antioch |
| October 6: | Saint Bruno & Bl Marie Rose Durocher | October 18: | Feast of St Luke the Evangelist |
| October 7: | Our Lady of the Rosary | October 19: | Saints Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, et al |
| October 9: | Saints John Leonardi & Denis, et al | October 20: | Saint Paul of the Cross |
| October 11: | Saint John XXIII | October 22: | Saint John Paul II |
| October 14: | Saint Callistus | October 23: | Saint John of Capistrano |
| October 15: | St Teresa of Jesus | October 24: | Saint Anthony Mary Claret |
| October 16: | Saints Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque | October 28: | Feast of Saints Simon and Jude |
| | | November 1: | Solemnity of All Saints |

Life in Christ - October 2023 Emphasis For the Synod

This month, Pope Francis calls for the world to pray for the Synod. "We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world."

GO MAKE DISCIPLES

Go Make Disciples feels over since the focus for so long has been on Go Into the Deep. But really Go Make Disciples has led to the bigger need for Go Into the Deep.

Over the course of Go Make Disciples, it was noted that parishes were not able to support full evangelization efforts within their parish areas. This upcoming mergers and sharing of roles between old parishes will allow us to be more efficient and more effective in our now larger area.

Our Adult Small Groups are continuing. But we are also going to be able to have more open access to Adult Small Groups happening within Pastorate 24 at the other 4 churches. They will also be able to access our Adult Small Groups.

This will also apply with Teen events. St Joseph will continue to host some events, but more and more teen events will be hosted by Pastorate 24, as a whole. This will allow St Joseph's teens to meet, socialize with, and have spiritual discussion with a larger population of Catholic Teens.

Monthly Family Task: With October being the Month of the Rosary, please consider praying the Rosary as a family each week. Formed.org does have videos of the Rosary that your family can pray along to if you would like to use them.

"Syn-odos": let us walk together, not only Catholics, but all Christians, all of the baptized, the whole People of God, because "only the whole can be the unity of all" (cf. J.A. MÖHLER, *Symbolism*).
~Pope Francis

St. Joseph's Formation Calendar

Thursday, October 5:	RCIA Meets
Sunday, October 8:	Family Formation-Small Group Meets Junior Disciples Meet Confirmation Preparation Meets
Wednesday, October 11:	Youth and Teen Formation Meet
Thursday, October 12:	RCIA Meets
Sunday, October 15:	2nd Grade Sacrament Preparation Meets Junior Disciples Meet Family Formation-Large Group Meets
Wednesday, October 18:	Youth and Teen Formation Meet
Thursday, October 19:	RCIA Meets
Sunday, October 22:	Junior Disciples Meet
Wednesday, October 25:	Youth and Teen Formation Meet
Friday, October 27:	St Joseph's Teens distribute candy at RCC Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 29:	Junior Disciples Meet
Wednesday, November 1:	8AM All Saint's Day Mass @ St Joseph Youth and Teen Formation Meet
Thursday, November 2:	RCIA Meets
Friday, November 3 thru	Edgerton Ecumenical Teen Group Retreat - Grades 6-12
Saturday, November 4:	Teen Homelessness/ Project 16:49
Sunday, November 5:	Generations of Faith - Session 2 Junior Disciples Meet Confirmation Preparation Meets
Monday, November 6:	Generations of Faith - Session 2



Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Circle of Grace Children's Program

Dear Parent,

The Diocese of Madison takes very seriously its commitment to protecting children by every means available. This includes helping young people to better understand their intrinsic dignity and worth as children of God and to navigate some of the dangers our culture throws at them.

To that end, age-appropriate resources are presented annually to all children and youth in diocesan catechetical programs. In the coming weeks, your child will participate in such a lesson from the "Circle of Grace" program.

The lessons are age-appropriate and are designed to help children develop the vocabulary and boundary distinctions necessary to ensure their health and safety. You may want to preview the lesson your child will be taught. You are also most welcome to attend the class with your child. You can find the grade-specific lessons on the diocesan website at www.MadisonDiocese.org/cog-lesson-plans (password for the webpage is: COGMadison)

However, we also understand and support the role of parents as the primary educators of their children, and recognize that some parents may choose to present this instruction themselves to their own children. If you would like to do this and "opt out" of the classroom opportunity, please complete and return the opt-out form found on the Circle of Grace lesson plan webpage (noted above). This helps us hold ourselves accountable as a Diocese to the integrity of our efforts, as well as helping us improve our efforts where necessary.

You may want to remind your children that no one should approach or touch them in a way that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. If someone does, they should immediately tell you.

Parents are encouraged to visit the diocesan website for links to additional valuable resources aimed at keeping your children safe. See www.MadisonDiocese.org/safety-tips-for-parents

If you have any questions about the "Circle of Grace," please feel free to contact me or the diocesan Office of Safe Environment (OSE@MadisonDiocese.org).

Sincerely,

Kim Jensen

Kim Jensen, Coordinator of Faith Formation - St Joseph