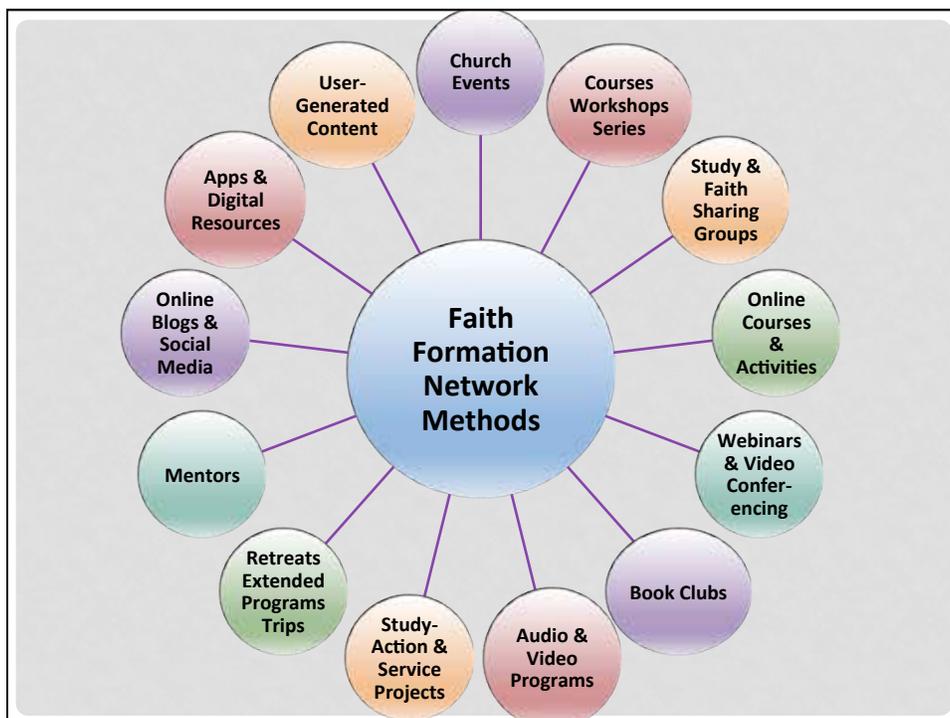


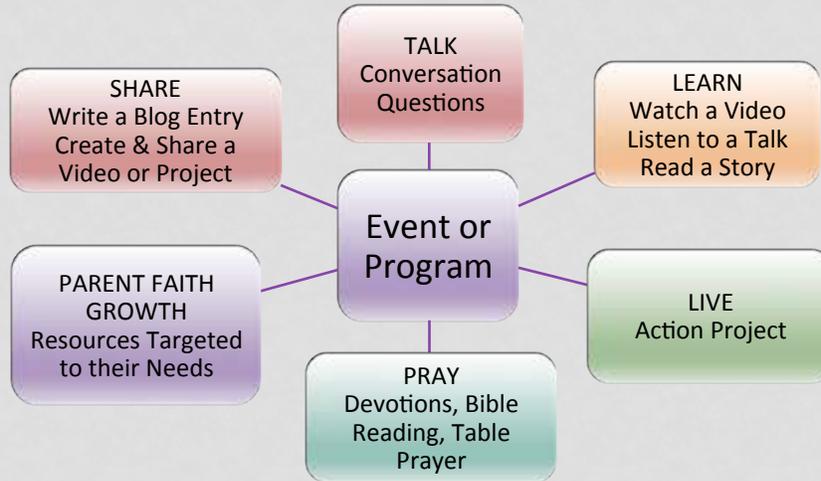
# CHILDREN & FAMILIES NETWORK



# FAITH FORMATION FORMATS



**METHOD:  
EXTEND GATHERED PROGRAMMING**



**METHOD:  
NEW FORMATS FOR PROGRAMS**



## *BUILDING A NETWORK: FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN*



### Family Faith Formation Network



- Home
- Bringing Sunday Worship Home
- Community Life & Events
- Whole Family Experiences
- Faith Practices
- Milestones
- Parent Faith Formation
- Parenting & Support Groups
- Getting Started in Faith
- Children's Programs

#### October Morning Prayer



Lord, today may I be your body, your hands, your feet and your eyes. Through me, bless the world today. Amen. (St. Teresa of Avila, Feastday is October 15)

#### October Nighttime Prayer



O Christ, Son of the Living God,  
May your holy angels guard our sleep,  
May they watch us as we rest,  
And hover around our beds,  
Let them reveal to us in our dreams  
Visions of your glorious truth,  
O High Prince of the universe,  
O High Prince of the mysteries.

May no dreams disturb our rest,  
And no nightmares darken our dreams,  
May the virtue of our daily work  
Hallow our nightly prayers,  
May our sleep be deep and soft,  
So our work be fresh and hard.

## TARGETED STRATEGIES TO RESPOND TO DIVERSE NEEDS



## FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Scenario #4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent faith formation @Baptism</li> <li>• Parent mentoring–Baptism &amp; beyond</li> <li>• “Deepening Faith &amp; Engagement”</li> <li>• Milestone &amp; church year celebrations</li> <li>• VBS (w/ parents), early childhood FF</li> <li>• Mom’s groups / Dad’s groups</li> <li>• Family service, family camp</li> <li>• Online family resource center</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Scenario #1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faith Practices @Home (rituals, Bible reading, devotions, service, prayer)</li> <li>• Parent faith formation &amp; mentoring</li> <li>• Milestones celebrations</li> <li>• @Church family gatherings</li> <li>• VBS, family camp, family service</li> <li>• Early childhood faith formation</li> <li>• Online family resource center</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Scenario #3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family life center</li> <li>• Family events: movie nights, concerts, children’s festivals</li> <li>• Mom’s groups, Dad’s groups</li> <li>• VBS (with parents), family camp, family service</li> <li>• Parenting programs &amp; resources</li> <li>• Online family resource center</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Scenario #2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small group family experiences</li> <li>• VBS (w/parents), family camp, family service, children/family events</li> <li>• Parenting programs</li> <li>• “Spiritual Seeker” experiences for parents</li> <li>• Mom’s groups, Dad’s groups</li> <li>• Online family resource center</li> </ul>

## ***INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS***

1. Intergenerational Community Life & Events (arts festivals, music and concerts, drama)
2. Intergenerational Mentoring (Reverse Mentoring)
3. Intergenerational Service
4. Intergenerational Learning
5. Intergenerational Retreats & Camps
6. Intergenerational Leadership
7. "Intergenerationalize" Programs

## ***WORSHIP NETWORK***

**Share It**  
Blog/Forum  
After Mass  
In Programs  
Family Conversation Activity

**Study It**  
Taking Faith Home Insert  
Homily Video + Study Guide  
Daily Readings  
Scripture Commentaries  
Online Bible Study

**Sunday  
Worship**

**Live It**  
Living the Message Daily  
Living Christian Practices  
Service Ideas for the Week

**Pray It**  
Weekly Table Prayer  
Praying with the Saints  
AM & PM Prayer

# BETWEEN SUNDAYS

# THE WORD TO GO

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2011

## A Repentant Community of Love

Ezekiel 33:7-9  
 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
 Romans 13:8-10  
 Matthew 18:15-20

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

When have you had to be accountable for something in your life? When you are accountable for something, not only does the success of the project belong to do, but any shortfalls or oversights are also placed on your shoulders. It is especially difficult when your accountability extends to the actions of others. The readings this week speak to us about accountability that extends far beyond the scope of our own actions. In the First Reading, Ezekiel is given no small task when told that he is responsible for turning the people of Israel away from their evil ways. He must make every effort to convince the people to change their ways. Imagine being evaluated on such an enormous task! Paul's message is very much the same when he tells the Romans to love one another (13:8). Loving someone means taking responsibility for that person and keeping him or her safe. When we love someone, we are accountable to that person. In the reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus teaches us the role of the community in holding people accountable for reconciling with others. God clearly wants us to know that we have a responsibility to the others around us. Our words, actions, attitudes, and efforts communicate our care and concern for one another. When upset occurs in our relationships or community, we all are responsible for bringing about reconciliation and forgiveness.



### SHARING FAITH

- ◆ How do the members of your family reconcile with one another? Do you follow all of the steps that Jesus recommends in this Sunday's Gospel?
- ◆ Think of a time when you needed forgiveness from another. Did receiving the sacrament of Penance figure into your process of gaining forgiveness? Why or why not?
- ◆ How do you hold yourself accountable to the communities to which you belong? How can you participate more fully in these communities?

### LIVING THE LITURGY

- ◆ We often communicate our attitudes through body language. Play a game of charades, and invite each member of your family or group to model the body language of a particular attitude or mood. Talk about the ways in which we demonstrate care for one another through our body language.
- ◆ Revisit the sacrament of Penance. See if your parish has some materials you can borrow to learn more about it.
- ◆ Make a family chain of accountability. Invite each person in your family to write down his or her name on a slip of construction paper. Then, have each person think of a household chore or task that he or she is responsible for, and write that down on another strip. Make loops to fasten the two strips together. Then, have each person write down the names of all of the people who count on him or her, and fasten those to the chain, too.

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## Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

November 20, 2011

### Carrying on the Mission of the Shepherd-King

Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17  
Psalm 23:1–2, 2–3, 5–6  
1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28  
Matthew 25:31–46

#### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Most of us might not realize the responsibilities that came with the job of a shepherd, but this once-important position is key to understanding many Biblical passages and Jesus' identity as Shepherd-King. In Jesus' day, the shepherd had the awesome responsibility of protecting a highly valued animal. No fences or convenient ways existed to bring massive amounts of food to a large herd. Without the shepherd, the animals were easy prey to wild beasts and were often lost to the expanse of the land. Shepherds were not casual overseers but were constantly on guard over their flocks.

The passages this week rely on an understanding of the shepherd's duties. In Ezekiel we find a shepherd who has not done his job, thereby putting the flock in danger. A new shepherd—the Lord—comes to save the abandoned herd. In light of the New Testament and their faith, Christians understand this shepherd as the Lord Jesus. Parallel to Ezekiel's scenario, Matthew tells about a shepherd who comes to sort the good from the bad while rescuing the weakest members of the flock. Because the weak animals of the flock are overlooked to protect the majority, Jesus surprises his audience by delegating responsibility for them and clearly defining their tasks for them. His words are the basis for what Catholics have traditionally called the corporal works of mercy.



#### SHARING FAITH

- ◆ What traits do you associate with the title of "shepherd"? Where do these ideas about shepherds come from? What images from today's world might be used to describe Jesus' unique style of leadership?
- ◆ What skills and personal qualities did shepherds have in Jesus' time? Why do you think Jesus chose to identify himself with a shepherd?
- ◆ What prevents you from seeing God in all people?

#### LIVING THE LITURGY

- ◆ Many find guiding principles for life in this passage from Matthew's account of the Gospel. Look out for the citation of this Sunday's Gospel on license plates and t-shirts. Think about why this particular passage might speak to people.
- ◆ Make a crown for the center of your table. Decorate it with symbols or words that tell about the qualities of Christ the King. Leave the crown in place until next Sunday, when Advent begins.
- ◆ Look at a hidden picture book or puzzle. After finding some of the missing objects, decide what makes the things you are looking for so hard to find. Discuss strategies for the rest of your search. Talk about how we miss seeing the presence of Christ the King in our families, neighborhood, and world.

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## BRINGING SUNDAY WORSHIP HOME

taking **+** faith home JANUARY 8, 2012

VIRIAN FAITH

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Mark 14:11	Jesus is betrayed
Monday	Mark 9:2-8	Jesus is transfigured
Tuesday	Acts 9:1-19a	Saul's conversion and baptism
Wednesday	Acts 22:1-18	Paul describes his baptism
Thursday	Job 38:7-18	God speaks of creation
Friday	John 8:12-18	The Lord speaks of creation
Saturday	Psalm 104	A psalm of creation
Sunday	John 1:45-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael

#### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,  
**Genesis 1:1 (CEV)**

#### SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

**A Prayer for the Week:**  
God of creation, make us new. Amen.

**Midtime Prayer:**  
For all you've created, and give us to share, we thank you, O God.  
How great is your care! Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**  
Child of God, may the Lord give you his Spirit and make you sure of his love. Amen. (Mark 1:10-12)

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VIRIAN FAITH

#### CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- ◆ What do you know or remember about the day you were baptized?
- ◆ What happened when Jesus was baptized?
- ◆ What did God do for you when you were baptized?

#### DEVOTIONS:

As part of your home devotional time this week, share a rite of baptized remembrance.

Light a pag of water, an empty bowl, a larger center candle, and a smaller candle for each person. Pour the water into the bowl and say these words to leader (say the words in italics, if say the words in bold).

For your gift of water **We thank you, Lord.**  
For the center of baptism **We thank you, Lord.**  
Light the center candle.

For your gift of light, which warns and guides us **We thank you, Lord.**  
For the light of Christ **We thank you, Lord.**  
By being baptized, we were united with Christ and his death. Christ has been raised from the dead by the Father's glory. And like Christ we also can live a new life.

Each person now lights his or her candle from the center candle, as the water says:

In baptism we were joined to the life of Christ. Let us show for him. Household members may dip their fingers into the bowl of water and make the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads, saying these words:

**You are a baptized child of God, who is well pleased with you.**

#### SERVICE:

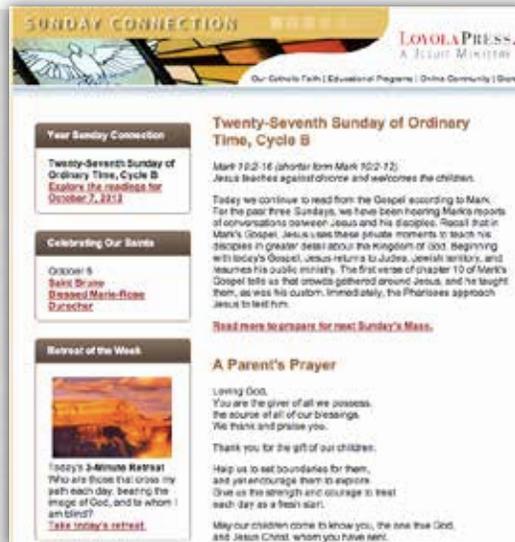
God calls us to help him in taking care of his creation. As an act of community service, take a few plastic bags and walk around your neighborhood picking up litter (remember to wear gloves).

#### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Get for a household nature walk. Take a digital camera or paper and pencils. When you return, make a poster using your pictures or drawings. Write the words of Genesis 1:1 in the center. Place the poster in a prominent place in your home.

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## BRINGING SUNDAY WORSHIP HOME

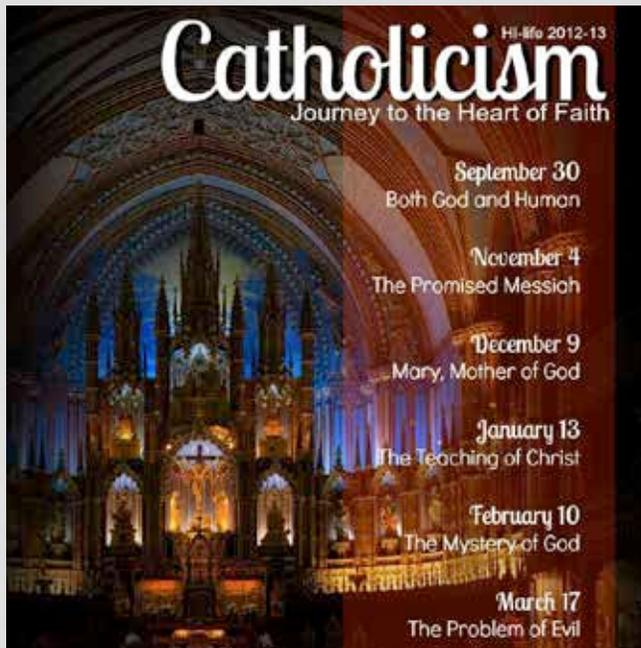


## WHOLE FAMILY PROGRAMMING

Offer family or intergenerational learning programs

- Monthly or seasonal programs
- Family workshops
- Family cluster/small group learning
- Family-centered Lectionary-based programs
- Family vacation Bible school
- Family retreats and camps

## WHOLE FAMILY LEARNING



WHOLE FAMILY &  
INTERGENERATIONAL

## WHOLE FAMILY EXPERIENCES

**Children's Ministries Presents:**  
**Family  MOVIE Night**  
**1st Friday of the Month**  
**6:00 - 8:30 PM**  
 Dinner served at 6:30 PM 

 **Family Vacation Bible School!**  
 Location: Foothill Community Church, 3710 Whittle Road, Angels Camp  
 The Adventurers will last: July 15, 22, 29 & 30  
 Celebration begins at: 8:00 am  
 The day's journey ends at: 11:30 am

### Family Camp with Vibrant Faith Ministries • All Ages

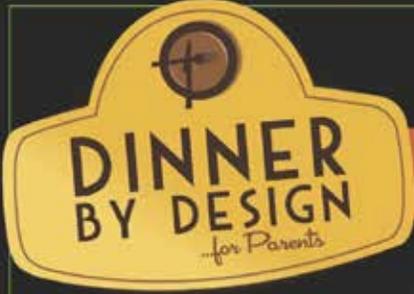
Come laugh, play, pray and grow as a family as we explore simple, relevant faith practices that promote family well-being and faithful living. Camp Lutherwood is pleased to partner with Vibrant Faith Ministries from Minneapolis, MN to explore how families can make faith a more meaningful part of their lives, and share with parents proven strategies to pass faith on to their children.



Vibrant Faith Ministries will lead your family in the exploration of:

- Practical ways to recognize how God lingers in the creases and folds of the ordinary and extraordinary events of your family's life.
- Accessible practices of prayer, celebration, reconciliation, and service. By exploring the daily mysteries of family life, parents will learn new ways to nurture their kids' faith using proven research-based methods, and create a vision for growing faithfully as a family.
- A host of resources to assist your family's faith journey.

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 **DINNER BY DESIGN**  
for Parents

-FOR PARENTS OF ALL AGES-  
**Great food & great fellowship!**

- FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, MARCH 25 & MAY 20
- 6:30-8 P.M.
- MAIN CAMPUS WORSHIP AREA
- COST PER ADULT: \$5
- CHILDCARE & DINNER INCLUDED
- REGISTRATION FORM: PICK UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER

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## *REACHING FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY*

### **The Wesley Playhouse Family Center**



## *MILESTONES IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> 2 DECADES*

- Birth/Baptism & Baptism Anniversaries
- Welcoming Young Children to Worship
- Starting School: Elementary, Middle, HS
- Blessing Backpacks
- First Communion
- Receiving a first Bible
- Confirmation
- Mission Trips
- Graduations

## CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL & BACKPACK BLESSING

**Sunday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Shake, rattle and roll on over to the big tent on the front lawn of the church for a 50's sock hop the whole family will enjoy!

- Doo-Wop Band
- Contests
- Cruise-In Classic Car Show
- Games & Activities
- Giant Inflatables
- Festival Rides

This is a **FREE** event. Food and snacks will be available at a nominal cost. Everyone receives a blessing for the new school year. All are welcome! No RSVP necessary. Just show up with your backpack!

### More about Milestones

The vision of Milestones Ministry is to provide a model so that individuals and households can participate in a way of life that marks special moments as "God moments," and honors them as part of the journey of faith, and through this we pass on faith, place our children in the center of our ministry, and recognize God's redeeming work of play through home, congregation, community culture, and creation. The four elements of each milestone are:

1. **Naming** and Recognition of the Milestone and its significance in our lives.
2. **Equipping** of children and families as we come together for a Family Gathering to learn about God's active presence in our lives, and ways to practice faith every day, wherever we are—at home, at school, at play.
3. **Blessing** the individual in worship or at home shows God's presence in the ordinary, and demonstrates sacred blessing in all of life.
4. **Gifting** the individual and family sends you home with a tangible reminder of the milestone, and with a resource to encourage you to continue faith practices every day.

Through Milestone Ministries, we hope to equip and engage families to participate in the Four Keys of Faith Practices: caring conversations, devotions, service, and rituals and traditions. These concepts are discussed, modeled, and encouraged to be practiced in your every day lives. "To recognize people in all situations, to bless them, to be a physical sign and gift to them, to weave our stories with God's story—this is the vocation of a Christian. Milestones Ministry is nothing less than a way of life."

Milestone Ministries Manual, Vibrant Faith Ministries, 2010.

### How do we participate?

Families can participate in the Milestone Ministry/ies that are appropriate for their age of child. For planning purposes, we ask for you to contact the church office to register for the Milestone at least 2 weeks ahead of the Milestone date. If this isn't possible, we certainly welcome people to walk in the day of our Family Gatherings!

At our family gatherings, we will talk about and model faith practices we encourage you to take home and incorporate into your every day life.

We'd love to have you participate in our Milestones Ministries! We invite all families - whatever your background or family structure, whether you are a St. John member or not - we invite YOU to participate in our Milestone Ministries, as we learn about God and discover ways we can grow in faith together.

#### Please join us!

Please contact the church office or Jessica Miller, Director of Youth and Family Ministry, for more information and to register for the Milestone(s) in which your family would like to participate.

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## What are Milestones?

Milestone Ministry is an intentional ministry that connects families to each other and to the congregation, as we recognize and learn about God's presence throughout the different stages of a child's life. Each Milestone directly reflects our desire to fulfill the promises we, as a congregation and family, made to our children at their baptism:

*To live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper; teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in their hands the holy scriptures; and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.*

Each Milestone will have a Family Gathering component—a time to gather, share, and learn about God and faith. For some milestones, the Family Gathering is the same day as the Milestone celebration. For others, the Family Gatherings will meet for 2 or 3 weeks before or after the Milestone. Most Family Gatherings are scheduled to take place on Sunday mornings, from 10:00-10:45 a.m. Each Milestone will have a blessing during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on the date listed in bold (unless noted differently).

All children and families are welcome to participate in Milestone Ministry! See back for more information on how you can involve your family.

## Milestones celebrated at St. John

Milestone	Age/Grade	When
<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>Any Age</b>	<b>Any time</b>

Schedule these with the church office.

### Baptismal Birthday 1 year olds Jan. 13, 2013

A baptismal birthday party for all our children who were baptized in 2012. Come for cake, prayers, blessings, and fun! Family Gathering, Jan. 13.

### Prayer: Talking to God 2 year olds Nov. 4, 2012

We can talk to God at bed time, meal time, play time, any time! Family Gathering, Nov. 4, 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### Entry into Sunday School 3 year olds Sept. 16, 2012

Family Gathering, September 5. Worship celebration with presentation of Story Bibles on September 16.

### Welcome to Worship 4-5 year olds Oct. 7, 2012

Your child will get to explore the sanctuary and learn about how all God's children are a vital and welcome part of worship! Family Gathering, Oct. 7. Meet at the Baptismal font at 10:15 a.m.

### Blessing of Backpacks All Ages Sept. 8, 2012

Bring your backpacks and school bags to worship for a blessing!

### First Communion Any Age March 28, 2013

If your child is asking about and wants to participate in this meal, they are likely ready! God says ALL are welcome at his table, and this definitely includes our children. We suggest that children participate in this milestone by Grade 2, but can certainly participate as your family feels comfortable. Family gatherings are March 10 & 20, 2013.

### Lord's Prayer 2nd Grade Jan. 20, 2013

Lord, teach us to pray... Family gatherings will be Jan. 6, 13, & 20.

### Apostle's Creed 3rd Grade Feb. 10, 2013

What do we believe? Family Gatherings will be Jan. 27, Feb. 3, & Feb. 10.

Milestone	Age/Grade	When
<b>10 Commandments</b>	<b>4th Grade</b>	<b>Apr. 21, 2013</b>

What are the 10 commandments and what do they mean for us today? Family Gatherings will be April 7, 14, & 21.

### Bible Adventures 5th Grade Sept 16, 2012

Youth will receive their Bibles during a milestone celebration on Sept. 16. Family Gatherings will be Sept. 16, 23 & 30.

### Image Dei: Created in God's Image

8th Grade Dec. 2, 2012

As you enter into middle school, we want you to remember that you were wonderfully made in God's image, and give you tools to communicate as a family through the teen years. Family Gatherings will be on Nov. 11, 18 & Dec. 2.

### Confirmation Classes 7-8 8th Grade Sept. 12-May 13

### Peer Ministry 9th Grade May 12, 2013

### Driver's License 9-12th Grade Mar. 17, 2013

We welcome any youth who is obtaining their license in this school year to participate in this milestone. Family Gatherings are March 10 & 17.

### Affirmation of Baptism 10th Grade Oct. 28, 2012

Confirmation classes are held during the 7-8th grade years, leading up to the Affirmation of Baptism in 10th grade. Confirmation rehearsal and banquet is Oct. 24. Milestone celebration in worship is Oct. 28.

### Discernment: Hearing God's Voice 11th Grade April 28, 2013

Family gatherings will be April 21 & 28, 2013.

### Senior Recognition 12th Grade May 19, 2013

Family Gathering with brunch, program and milestone celebration will all be on May 19th.

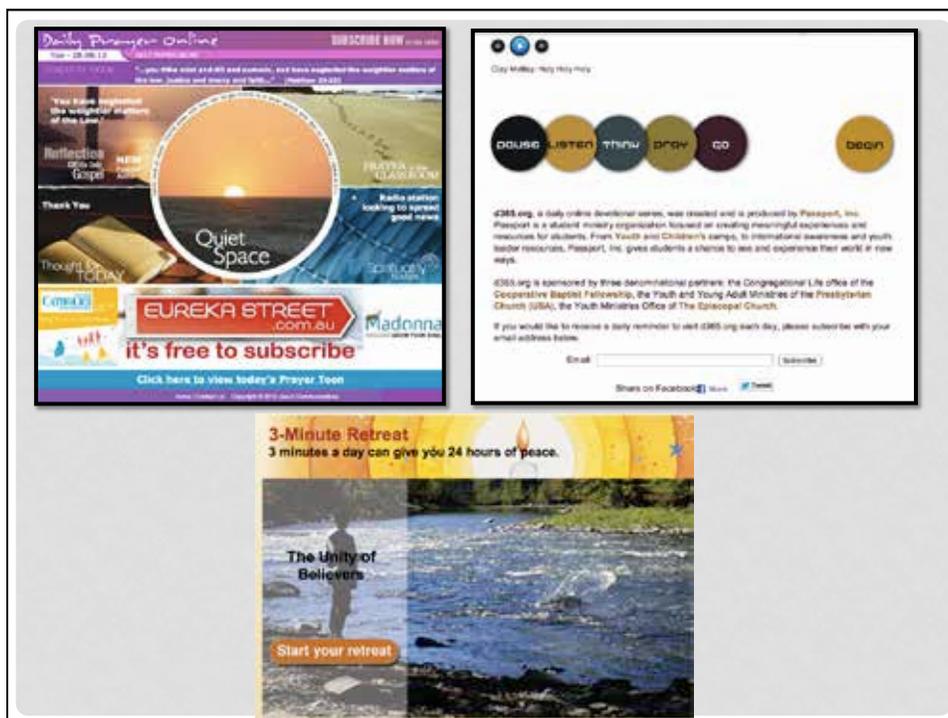
# FAITH PRACTICES RESOURCE CENTERS

- Caring Conversation
- Ritual
- Prayer
- Bible Reading
- Serving
- Learning the Faith

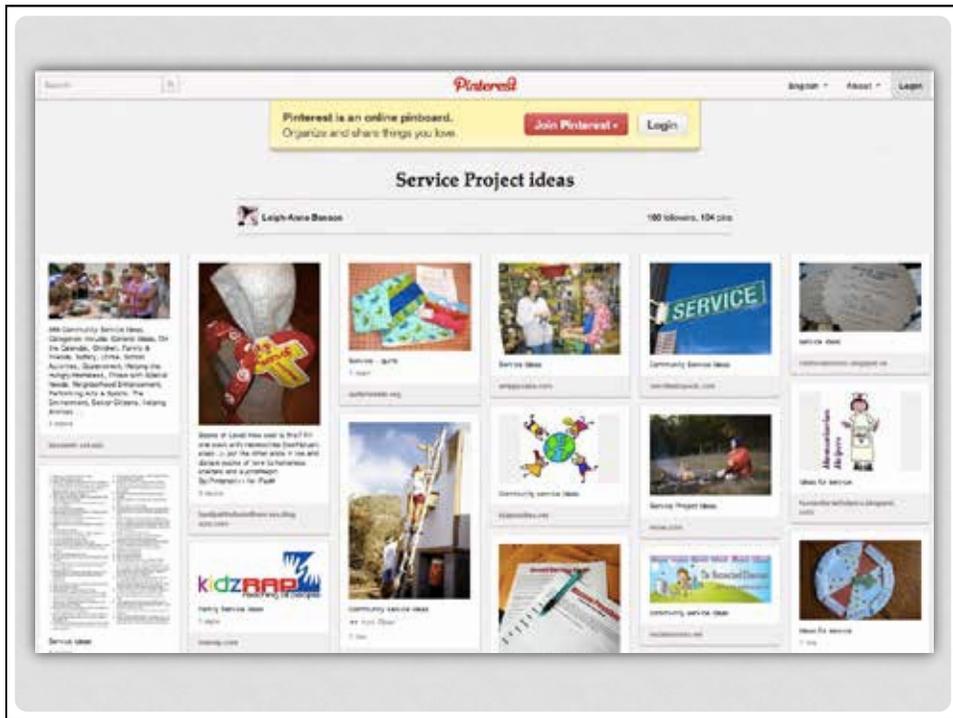


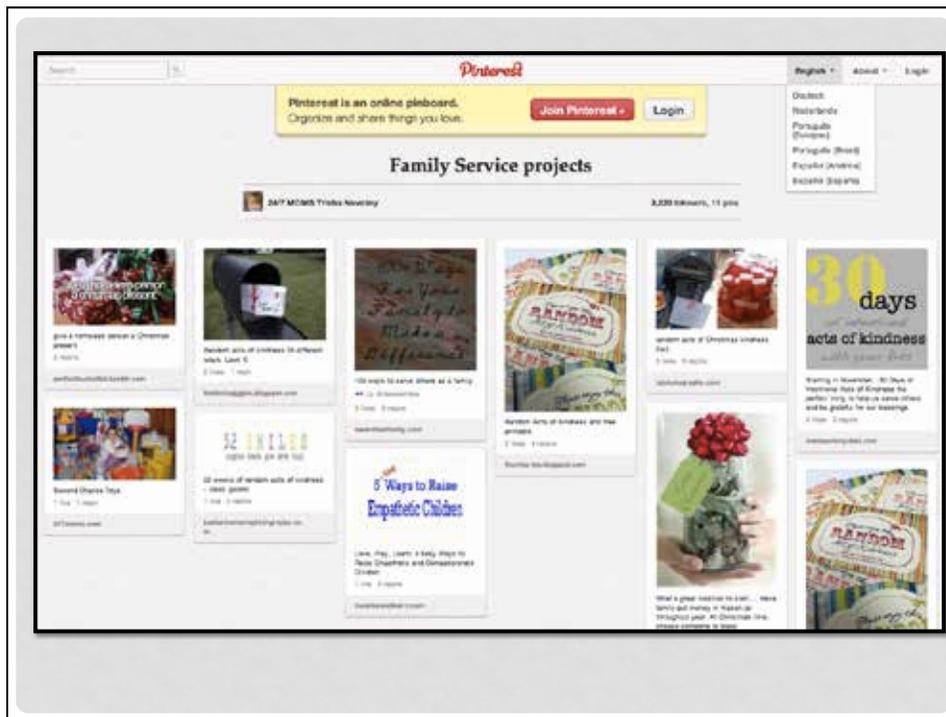
## FAITH PRACTICES APPS & E-NEWSLETTERS





# FAMILY SERVICE





## ***PARENT EDUCATION***

- Classes, workshops, retreats, and/or support groups to nurture parental faith; to teach parenting skills, ways to share faith at home, etc.
- Parent-child/teen programming
- Parent information and resources: print, audio, video, and/or web-based
- Parallel parent program to the children and adolescent program



**OPEN LIFE GROUPS  
THIS FALL:**

**MAN IN THE MIRROR**

Join a group of men who are passionate about being and understanding what it means to be a Christian man. Contact Joe Evans at joointechco@yahoo.com.

**PARENTING THE EARLY YEARS**

It takes a village to raise a child. Get connected with this group of parents with young children. Contact Stephanie Tracy at stephtrac125@gmail.com.

**WRIGHT STATE STUDENTS**

College is tough; join up with other students at Wright State to discuss your faith and your studies. Contact Jeremiah Lewis at jlewis@ginghamsburg.org.

**EARLY MORNING MISSION MEN**

Meet with the guys at 6 a.m. for breakfast, Bible study and to plan the group's next mission. Contact Stephen Guy at sguy@stephenguynd.com.

**LADIES QUILTING CIRCLE**

Piecing together their lives, quilt or craft projects and love of Christ is what draws this group together. Contact Bonnie Warner at quiltingbonnie@gmail.com.

**STEPFAMILY SUCCESS  
THE SMART WAY**

Study usable solutions for everyday living within a stepfamily that will allow you to avoid common stepfamily pitfalls and discover God's redemption. Contact Sarah Byram at byram.sarah@yahoo.com.

**A FOLLOWER'S LIFE**

This group is the pathway to church membership but is open to all who are simply seeking to know Jesus better. Wednesdays, September 12 – December 5 (no class November 21) 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays, September 11 – November 27, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tipp City Campus 117. Pick up materials in the Common Grounds Cafe & Bookstore before the first meeting. For more information, contact Catherine Crowell at ccrowell@ginghamsburg.org.

**ALPHA**

For those new to church, the Bible and/or Christianity, gain a basic understanding of Christianity and answers to questions like, Who is Jesus?, and Why did he die? Sundays, September 16 – November 25, 6-8 p.m. Tipp City Campus 117. Cost: \$25, includes materials and a meal at each meeting. Pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center. For full details, contact Brenda Hauser 937.667.1069 ext. 240 or bhauser@ginghamsburg.org.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY -  
NEW EDITION!**

This group meets for 9-weeks to study Dave Ramsey's biblical, practical steps to get rid of debt, manage money, spend and save wisely, and create a comprehensive financial plan for the future. Thursdays, September 13 – November 15 6:30-8 p.m. Cost is \$96 per kit (one kit per family) Tipp City Campus 204. Register online at daveramsey.com/#/a/classfinder-Questions? Contact Shannon Sampley at 937.667.1069 ext. 228 or ssampley@ginghamsburg.org.

**FIREPROOF YOUR MARRIAGE**

Biblical principles for strong, God-centered, lifelong marriage combined with thought-provoking discussion questions, and individual and couples' devotionals will challenge participants to grow deeper spiritually and in their relationship. Thursdays, September 13 – November 1 6:30-8 p.m. Tipp City Campus 205. Pick up a copy of the participant book for you and your spouse in the bookstore. For more information, contact Vicki Traud at vtraud@mtolympus.org.

**MINISTRY BY STRENGTHS**

Uncover talents and grow life strengths with this eight-week group based on the Clifton StrengthsFinder. Wednesdays, September 12 – October 31 6:30-8 p.m. Cost: \$25, supplies distributed in class South Campus ARK. Pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center. For details, contact Veda Meyer at vmeyer@ginghamsburg.org or 937.667.1069 ext. 221.

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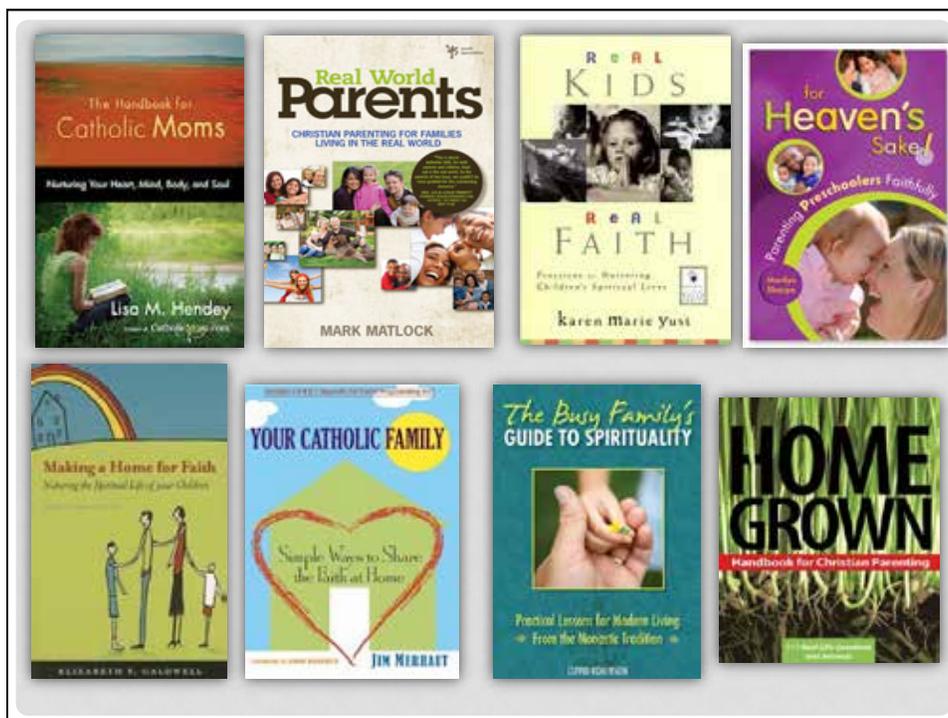
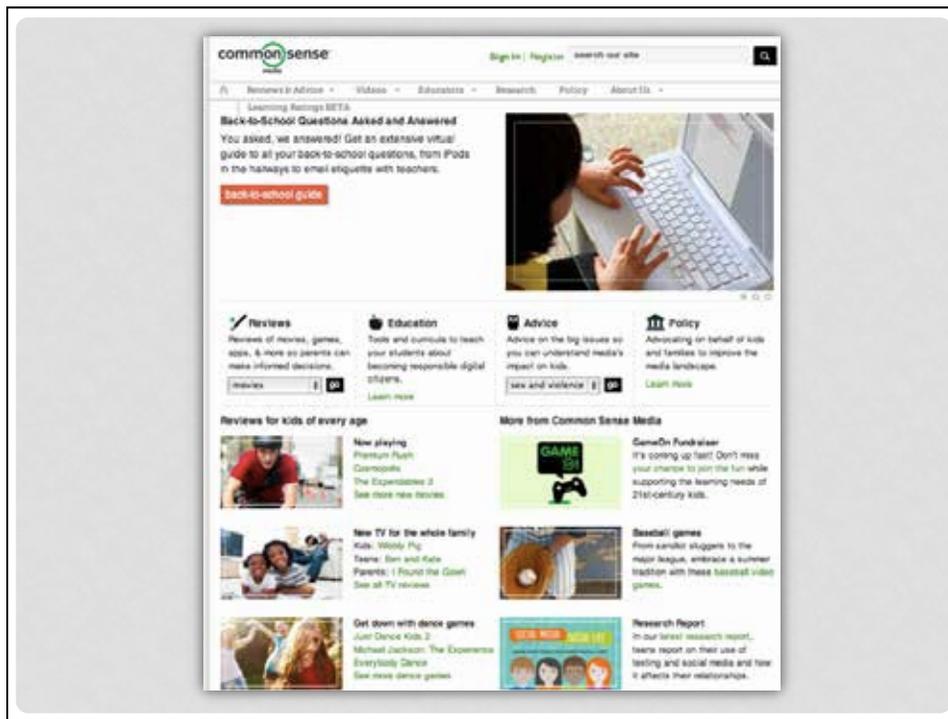
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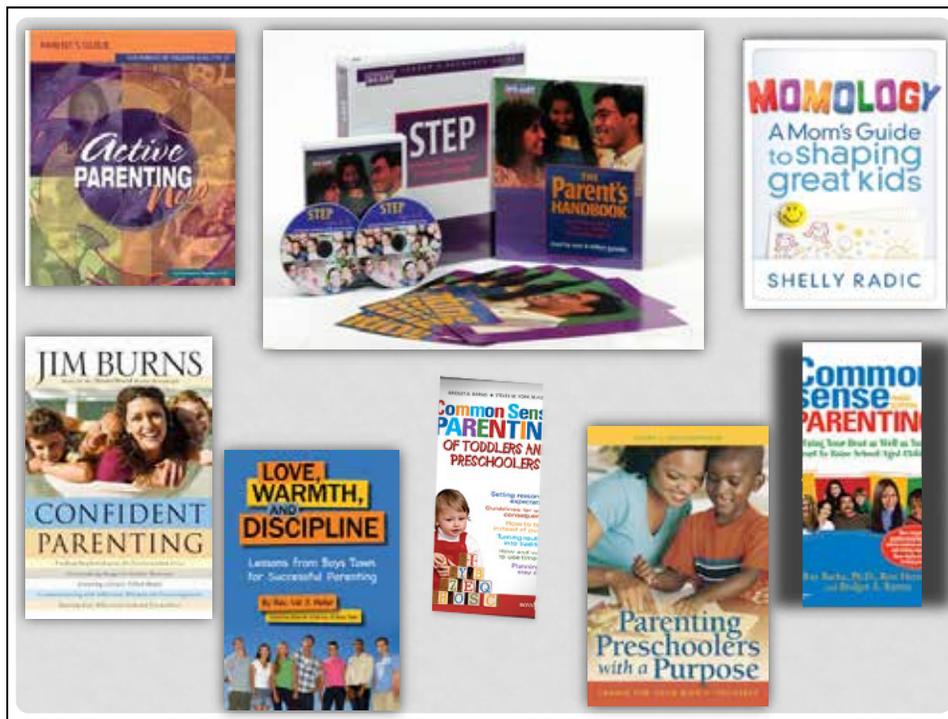
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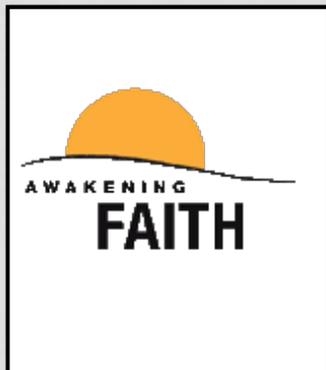
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Summer and Fall 2012 Schedule  
 2012 Summer, 2012 Fall, 2013 Summer, 2013 Fall, 2014 Summer, 2014 Fall

Class Number	Class Name	Days	Time	Location
80101	Introduction to Catholicism	Mo	10:00-11:00	CH-100
80102	Introduction to Catholicism	Tu	10:00-11:00	CH-100
80103	Introduction to Catholicism	We	10:00-11:00	CH-100
80104	Introduction to Catholicism	Th	10:00-11:00	CH-100
80105	Introduction to Catholicism	Fr	10:00-11:00	CH-100
80106	Introduction to Catholicism	Sa	10:00-11:00	CH-100
80107	Introduction to Catholicism	Su	10:00-11:00	CH-100



## PARENT FAITH GROWTH



### Getting (re) Started

1. Spirituality: What's the Buzz?
2. Who is Jesus?
3. Do We Need the Spirit?
4. Can I Accept God's Mercy?
5. Can Mass Make My Life Meaningful?
6. The Church and Me



## ***PARENT FAITH GROWTH***

Introduction Dinner: Is there more to life than this?

Week 1: Who is Jesus?

Week 2: Why did Jesus die?

Week 3: How can we have faith?

Week 4: Why and how do I pray?

Week 5: Why and how should I read the Bible?

Week 6: How does God guide us?

Week 7: How can I resist evil?

Week 8: Why & how should we tell others?

Week 9: Does God heal today?

Week 10: What about the Church?

Weekend: Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do? How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?  
How can I make the most of the rest of my life?