

Faith Formation Program Schedule 2019-20

St. John the Baptist Parish (11-21-19 version)

Schedule of Required Faith Formation Events: (unless marked with * to indicate Sacrament prep only) Note: any additional additions to the schedule will be communicated closer to scheduled date.

Attendance and participation at Mass and the sacraments is vital for our personal faith journeys and in the life of our parish. As a community of believers, we have been entrusted with the wonderful gift of faith; a faith that needs to be continually be nurtured and cared for; not in isolation but within community. Please note the importance of beginning all our Faith Formation sessions with 8:30 am mass.

September 8: First Session and Catechist Recognition 8:30-10:45 am: ***No speaker, Fellowship and Signing up people to adopt classrooms***

September 22 — Second Session 8:30-10:45 am; ***Speaker: Aaron Carpenter: Radical Hospitality***

October 6 — Third Session 8:30-10:45 am and Blessing of Pets (Feast of St. Francis) 10:45-11 am; ***Speaker: Peggy Roske, history of St. John the Baptist Parish, Part 1***

October 27 — Fourth Session 8:30 - 10:45 am; ***Speaker: Anita Fischer, Chaplain at St. Cloud Hospital on mourning and how to deal with the holidays***

November 3 — Fifth Session (All Saints/Souls Remembrance Mass) 8:30 - 10:45 am; ***Kateri Mancini on Racism in our area and with each other***

November 24 — Sixth Session 8:30-10:15 am Thanksgiving Basket Assembly 10:15-10:45 am; ***Ann Scherer, St. Joseph Food Shelf speaking, Helping with Assembling Baskets (Ann phone: 250-7121 or 363-4179)***

December 8 — Seventh Session 8:00-10:45 am; ***Speaker: Josie Stang on the History of the St. John's Cemetery***

***December 12- First Reconciliation and Parish Reconciliation, 6:30 PM, PC**

December 15 — Eighth Session 8:30-10:00 am Blanket Making Family Event (for

local charities) 10:00-10:45 am; ***Help with making blankets; Set up tables and blankets at 9:30 to have ready for the students coming down from class at 10:30. Adults are encouraged to stay and assist. "Many hands make for a light load."***

TBD: "The Christmas Shoes"

December 24 — "The Christmas Shoes" followed by liturgy @ Abbey Church 5:00 pm

January 5 — Epiphany and Ninth Session 8:30-10:45 am **Speaker: Peggy Roske, History of St. John the Baptist Parish, Part 2**

January 19 — Tenth Session 8:30-10:45 am; **Speaker: Daniel Funeral Home on Funeral Planning, Cremation, and Green Funerals**

February 2 — Eleventh Session 8:30-10:45 am; **Christine Munger on Spiritual Direction**

February 16 — Twelfth Session 8:30-10:45 am

March 8 — Thirteenth Session 8:30-10:45 am;

March 26 — **Parish Reconciliation Service 7:00 pm**

April 5 — Palm Sunday and Fourteenth Session 8:30-10:45 am **Speaker: Susan Stabile, "A Spiritual Journey Through Buddhism Back to Christianity"** She was raised Catholic, practiced Buddhism for 20 years, and then returned to Catholicism.

April 12 — Easter Sunday

***April 18 — First Communion Workshop, 9:00-11:00 AM** (Banners, bread making, practicing First Communion, Eucharist activities and crafts)

April 19 — Fifteenth/final class and Catechist Recognition 8:30-10:45 am: **Speaker: Matt Reichert on Disengaged Young Catholics**

***April 26 — First Communion 8:30 am Mass**

***May 6--Tentative Confirmation Practice, St. Joseph Church**

***May 13-- Confirmation, 7:00 PM, St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Joseph**