

St. John XXIII Family Faith Enrichment Sessions 2022-23

St. John XXIII Parish is excited to offer the following “Family Faith Enrichment Sessions” to all of our parishioners. As a family that participates in our CRE program, we ask that you attend at least one of these sessions during the 2022-23 academic year in addition to one of the LIFT (Learning in Faith Together) sessions in February. Of course, you are welcome to attend more than one! All sessions take place on the 4th Monday of the month (except LIFT) from 6:00-7:30pm in rooms 141/142.

For planning purposes, please sign up for the sessions you plan to attend at least one week in advance. You may register online here:

<https://stjohn23rd.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/67/responses/new> (or scan the QR code at the end of this document)

September 26 – “Care for God’s Creation” As people of faith, Catholics believe the issue of climate change is not just about politics, economics, or interest groups, but it is primarily about the protection of God’s creation. Climate change is a moral issue for people of faith because it makes the lives of poor people more vulnerable. Our faith calls us to act and advocate for the “least” among us. This session introduces participants to the Catholic response to climate change and to highlight how the global issue especially impacts the lives of those who are already struggling with poverty.

October 24 – “Celebrating Our Saints” As we approach the Feast of All Saints, we will explore what we mean by the communion of saints. The session presents the Church’s understanding of the communion of saints and its relevance for Catholics today. It examines the lives of the saints and the Scriptures to discover insights and guidance for living a saintly life today. Participants will discover the “saints” among their family members, both dead and living.

November 28 – “Praying Through Advent & Christmas” In this session, we will look at how the Advent and Christmas seasons call us to pray in a unique way as we welcome the Christ Child into our lives. We will then learn creative and traditional ways of praying through these important seasons.

January 23 – “Catholic Prayers & Devotions” This session focuses on treasured and traditional forms of Catholic prayer and devotion. The Catholic Church has a rich tradition of prayer, including Eucharistic Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, novenas, and prayers to patron saints. All of these prayer paths lead us to intimate communion with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit and all call us to be Christ-like in the world.

February 19 or 20 LIFT – Learning in Faith Together “There’s No Wrong to Lent” No other season or feast throughout the year calls for deeper, more heartfelt practices and prayer than Lent. Lent calls us to pray as Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, offering humble obedience to the will of the Father. In this session, we will explore how we can go even deeper

this Lenten season as individuals, families and as a community of faith. (ALL CRE families are expected to attend one of the two sessions offered. To register, go here: <https://stjohn23rd.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/63/responses/new>)

March 27 – “Holy Week Family Retreat” As we prepare for our most holiest of weeks, how can we enter into this sacred time in a more meaningful way? We will explore the signs and symbols of the liturgies of the week and how each can inform our lives on a day-to-day basis.

April 24 – “Come, Holy Spirit, Come” In this session, we will examine the traditional symbols of the Holy Spirit from the Scriptures and life of the Church, and how the Holy Spirit is active and alive in their lives, the Church, and the world. This session guides people in reflection on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives and how they can utilize those gifts in their families, church, and community.

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To register for the above sessions, scan the QR code below with your phone!

