

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Children ages preschool through fifth grade are invited to attend faith formation sessions. Attendance at faith formation encourages and fosters a child's growth as a Christian disciple and compliments the Catholic formation provided by the family. Regular attendance benefits the child in forming lasting relationships which enhance the child's faith and participation.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the 10:00 am Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month beginning October 7th and continuing through May. After the opening blessing, children are dismissed to go to the Blessed Sacrament chapel to hear the Sunday readings from the Children's Lectionary. The presider gives a reflection and leads a discussion geared to the children's level of understanding. The children return to the assembly at the presentation of the gifts. Parents are encouraged to stay with the adult assembly but may accompany a child to make the situation more comfortable.

Whole Parish Faith Formation takes place after the 10:00 am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Children begin and end each session with the adult group. The session for grade school children is the same topic as the adult session. The preschool program concentrates on stories and God's love for us.



Special Events

Seasonally children will gather for a special faith formation session. This will give children an opportunity to have deeper faith formation and give parents an afternoon or evening to reconnect with each other.

Parents will be asked to RSVP. Look for more information regarding the specific dates and times in the bulletin.



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YOUTH GROUP

Youth from Spirit of Christ and Blessed Trinity in grades 6—12 gather on two Wednesday evenings each month from 7—8 pm at Blessed Trinity beginning on September 19. The evening youth gatherings combine fun, prayer, and learning. In addition to our regular meetings, youth have the opportunity to attend retreats and participate in diocesan events. Youth wishing to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation are required to be active in youth group.

Youth also gather to serve the parish through preparing meals, helping with parish events, and assisting with Vacation Bible School in the summer. As a parish we support the youth through several fundraisers to help youth pay registration fees for diocesan events such as Junior High Rally, CYC Board and Convention, and Legendary Lodge. The youth gather with the adults for Whole Parish Faith or may assist with children's faith formation.



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WHOLE PARISH FAITH FORMATION
2018-2019

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October 14	What Must We Do?
November 11	Generosity
December 9	Prepare the Way
January 13	Baptism: Sharing in the Divine Life
February 10	Called to Discipleship
March 10	Temptation
April 7	Throwing Stones
May 5	Called to Serve

The Church which "goes forth" is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice.

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 24

ALL ARE WELCOME

Whole Parish Faith Formation is lifelong learning and growing in faith for all ages and generations in the parish community. We begin gathered around the table of the Lord for Sunday Eucharist. Fed by Christ, we share our stories, to teach and to learn. Then we are sent by Christ out on mission, into our homes, our schools, our workplaces. Come to feed and be fed. Come to share our story.

Come to be the Body of Christ.

Mission Statement



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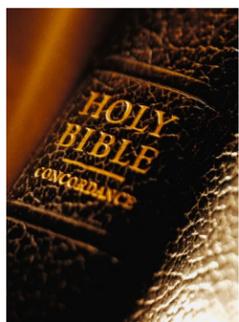
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SEEING THE WORD



Seeing the Word meets monthly to reflect on the beautiful illuminations in the St. John's Bible, the first illuminated bible produced in the last 500 years. This practice of praying with visual images is called visio divina or divine seeing. Participants follow the 6 steps of visio divina: LISTEN and MEDITATE on Scripture, SEE with eyes of faith as they gaze on illuminations, PRAY to God, CONTEMPLATE the Spirit's movements, and reflect how they might further BECOME CHRIST-LIKE.

Seeing the Word will meet the last Thursday of the month at 11:00 am beginning September 27 continuing through May 30. While no previous experience is necessary, the group will conclude the Historical Books of the Old Testament began last year and move into Wisdom Literature. Please contact facilitator Louise Yamasaki at (406) 251-5363 with questions. Participant materials are available from Judy Cooney.



LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE STUDY

Thursdays, 1—2 pm
Beginning September 6

Lectionary-based scripture study allows you the opportunity to hear and reflect on the readings and Gospel for the coming Sunday and apply the Word of God to your own life. This group meets weekly and uses *At Home with the Word* (available at church entrances). Lectors are strongly encouraged to attend and may use their lector's guide. Come and discover the hope and joy in God's Word.

3 WEEK SCRIPTURE STUDY

November at Blessed Trinity

Seasons of our Lives:
Grief, Finding Hope in Sorrow



Loss comes to each of us. Scripture can serve as a companion to us in the grief we bear and ultimately in our surrender to our compassionate God. Through this set of reflections on the stories of Ruth and Naomi, the death and raising of Jesus' friend Lazarus, and the promise of a new heaven and earth, we are invited to an experience of God's healing presence in our lives.

November at Spirit of Christ

Advent, Season of Divine Encounter



During this sacred season, we actively recall the arrival of Jesus as the Word made flesh, and we joyfully await his final return at the end of the age. But as we remember the past and anticipate the future, we are also attentive to our divine encounters in the present, the ways God "arrives" in our everyday lives.

February

at both Blessed Trinity and Spirit of Christ

Virtues for Disciples:
Trust, Confidence in the
God of Salvation

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LENTEN PARISH RETREAT

MARCH 30—APRIL 2



Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP, the NPM 2018 Pastoral Musician of the Year, will be leading a Lenten retreat at Blessed Trinity. He is a frequent lecturer, keynote presenter and workshop leader in cross-cultural settings. Among his well-known works is the Mass of Spirit and Grace, which we sing at Blessed Trinity and Spirit of Christ. We are able to offer this retreat thanks to a generous grant from the Foundation for the Diocese of Helena. This retreat is open to all who wish to attend. Save the date!

Please see the bulletin for monthly adult formation evening events throughout the year.

SACRAMENTAL PREP

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Adults and children age seven and older who are not baptized are invited to share their story and listen to the story of others, to hear the Good News and see the Christian faith as it is lived in the Catholic community. Adults and older children who are interested in becoming Catholic who have been baptized in another faith have a unique journey to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. Instruction is tailored to fit their particular needs. The parish community is eager to share your faith journey. Please contact the parish office at 721-2405 for more information.



First Eucharist and Reconciliation

Preparation classes for children in second grade or older begins in October. Children and parents meet for six sessions to learn about the Sacrament of Holy Communion and another six weeks beginning in January to explore the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Participants need to be registered and active members of the parish. Children celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Lent and schedule First Eucharist after Easter. Please contact the parish office at 721-2405 for more information.



Confirmation

Preparation for registered and active high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors begins this fall. Youth who are seeking Confirmation must be present at Sunday Eucharist, participate in youth group on Wednesday evenings, and attend a Confirmation retreat. The Sacrament is celebrated after Easter with the other parishes and missions in the Missoula Deanery. Please contact the parish office at 721-2405 to register.



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