

## Important Notes

- The celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass) is the central point around which parish life and Faith Formation flow. Regular participation in the Mass is a fundamental practice for families growing in faith. Thus, you and your child must be participating in weekly Mass.
- Please call in your child's absence from a session as soon as possible so that we can prepare papers to send home for them, and also as a courtesy to our Catechists, who invest a great deal of themselves into preparing for your child's session.
- Children enrolled in Footsteps should miss no more than **four** sessions per year for the year to be considered "complete".
- Students preparing for a sacrament may not miss more than **two** Footsteps in Faith sessions this year.
- Parents of children enrolled in Footsteps in Faith are asked to attend at least **half** of the parent sessions.
- Children wishing to celebrate any of the sacraments must be enrolled in both Footsteps in Faith and the Sacramental Preparation classes. Contact the Office for details.
- For the year to be considered complete, your child needs a certain number of hours of formation time. As this cannot be met by our normal bi-weekly meetings, your child needs to also attend at least **five** Family Faith Days during the year.
- Families registering for Footsteps in Faith must also be registered in the Parish.
- If any of your children have allergies to food, he or she should bring his or her own snack for each session.
- If a discipline or behavior challenge should arise, one parent or guardian may be asked to assist in the classroom or meet individually with the Director of Faith Formation.
- For any questions or concerns at any time, please contact Lori Crawford in the Parish Office at (239) 267-7088, x242 or by email at [Lori@ourladyoflight.com](mailto:Lori@ourladyoflight.com).

*Our Lady of Light Catholic Community*

2011-12

## Footsteps in Faith

Faith Formation

Brochure & Handbook

Breaking Bread ♦ Praying  
Teaching ♦ Fellowship



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# What is Footsteps in Faith?



“Footsteps in Faith” is parish-based faith formation for young people ages 4 through grade 5 and their parents.

Footsteps in Faith uses a lectionary-based catechesis to cover doctrines of the Catholic faith while providing opportunities for prayer, faith-filled activities, and fun. Footsteps in Faith is not a drop-off program--families pray together before the start of every session, and then while young people are in their grade-level rooms, parents are invited to participate in a program built just for them.

Choose Sundays *\*new time\** 8:45am-10:15am or  
Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm

## Meeting Dates for 2011-12

### Sundays

*Opening Mass & Cookout*  
*August 28, 3:00pm*

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| September 11 | January 22  |
| September 25 | February 5  |
| October 9    | February 19 |
| October 23   | March 4     |
| November 6   | March 18    |
| November 20  | April 1     |
| December 11  | April 15    |
| January 8    | April 29    |

*Closing Mass May 13, Details TBA*

### Wednesdays

*Opening Mass & Cookout*  
*August 28, 3:00pm*

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|--------------|---------------------------|
| September 14 | February 8                |
| September 28 | Feb 22 <i>(ends at</i>    |
| October 12   | <i>6:45pm for 7:00 pm</i> |
| October 26   | <i>Ash Wed Mass)</i>      |
| November 9   | March 7                   |
| November 30  | March 21                  |
| December 14  | April 4                   |
| January 11   | April 18                  |
| January 25   | May 2                     |

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## Family Faith: Footsteps in Faith for the Family



All families enrolled in Footsteps in Faith are asked to participate in **five (5)** Family Faith days of their choosing to ensure they are receiving enough catechetical hours to complete the year.

Family Faith Days are seasonal, family-friendly, and fun! Details on the program content will be released by the month prior to the Family Faith day. All are welcome, bring a friend!



## Footsteps in Faith for Adults

Also known as the “Parent Program”

Offered during your child’s formation session. Parents are asked to attend at least **half** of the offered parent sessions over the course of the year.

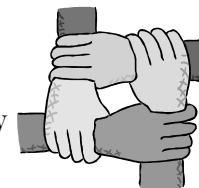
♦**Catholic 101 Series**—Offered all year long, this series will delve into the second half of the “Catholic Catechism for Adults,” an easy-to-read version of the document containing the doctrines and dogma of our faith. Mike Christensen took our group through guided discussion, with ample time for personal reflection and questions on what it means for us to be Catholic. Bring a copy of the Adult Catechism or we can order one for you (\$25.00).

♦**Option 2**—To be decided/announced

## We need your hands, too!

*The success of the Faith Formation program relies on everyone’s support.*

*Please let us know in what ways you can pitch in!*



- ♦**Hospitality**—Setting out and putting away refreshments.
- ♦**Catechist or Assistant for Footsteps in Faith**
- ♦**Lead Catechist or Assistant for Children’s Liturgy of the Word**
- ♦**Office Support**—Lend a hand with office tasks (filing, copying, etc.),
- ♦**Room help**—Help a Catechist prep for their bulletin boards or session crafts; restock rooms as needed
- ♦**Baptismal Greeter or Catechist**—Greet families before Mass and help them through the steps of Baptism during Mass.

Contact Lori in the Office to learn more. In all cases, no prior experience is required. Training and resources supplied.