

Faith at Home

All classes will cover Chapters 12 this week, still on the topic of the “Church.”

Lectionary Link

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week’s gospel talks of Simon and Andrew being called as the first two apostles. Of these two Jesus says, “I will make you fishers of men.” He goes on to invite others to the ministry. YOU in your ministry of Catechesis are also a “fisher of people.” Each time you share your faith you take part in “fishing” for the kingdom. Cast your nets widely with faith that God will bless your work!

Peter is often known as the Father of the Church – the first Pope, and the role has been succeeded by Popes throughout time in what is called Apostolic succession. This is why we say our Church is “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic” in the Nicene Creed!

Re-read this weekend’s Gospel about fishing: Matthew 4:12-23 or online at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/012708.shtml#gospel>

Dig a little deeper

Question for Children: How do you hear Jesus calling you to do what he wants you to?

Question for Adults: How does Jesus call you to assist in his ministry: the building up of the Reign of God? How do you know what God wants of you in this regard?

Coming Up

***Next Children’s Faith Formation** classes will be on February 10 & 13.

***Sacramental Preparation** for First Eucharist is underway and for Confirmation begins February 3. Please call the office for information about these sacraments and for a preparation schedule.

***Please thank** your child’s Catechist this week! Many gave their Monday to attend a Workshop, and they all give so much of their time and resources to serving our families. *We love you and thank you for sharing your faith with our children!*

LENT

*Ash Wednesday falls on February 6th this year. Services on that day will be:

7:00a.m. Distribution of ashes & liturgy of the Word
Masses with Ashes 8:30a.m., Noon and 7:00p.m.

*At the dinner table one night early in or before Lent, have a family discussion about “giving things up” for Lent. Start by reading together Isaiah Chapter 58 as a family.

-What kind of “fasting” were the people doing?

-What kind of “fasting” does God wish of us?

-What kinds of things did you “give up” or fast from last year?

-Could your family consider doing something to “fight injustice” this year in addition to “giving up” something?

-What kinds of injustice do you see in your own family? In your neighborhood? In our town?

*Watch the bulletin for ideas for this Lent, or look in the calendar provided with the Operation Rice Bowl.

*More resources at:

http://www.findinggod.org/m_frmwork.asp?id=7944

For Parents

Feb 10 & 13: “Planning for Life”

Curious about Natural Family Planning? Learn more about Pope John Paul II’s *The Theology of the Body* and Natural Family Planning during the February 10th and 13th Children’s Faith Formation sessions from Dr. Angela Flippin, OBGYN with *Caritas Obstetrics and Gynecology of Naples*. She brings a medical and theological background to the topic in a candid and enlightening presentation.

Feb 24 & 27: Scripture Reflection on “The man born blind”

All are invited to come reflect on the gospel story about “Jesus and the man born blind”. Lent is a special time to think about our journey of transformation. In this story we are invited to see the “blind spot” in our own lives. *What does Jesus need to heal in me so that I may “see” more clearly?* This session presented by parishioner Marilyn Bowman, former Director of Faith Formation for the Milwaukee Diocese, will include prayer, presentation, and dialogue.