

Please Note

Remember to contact the office if your child will be absent for a class. You may also let their Catechist know, but it is important for you to contact the office as well.

There is a date change for the Session 14 class...Faith Formation for Children originally scheduled for May 7 will be moved to May 14 due to Confirmation.

Faith at Home

All classes will cover Chapter 13 this week, which is on the theme of "Morality". Grades will also be talking about the Rice Bowls in class.

Lectioary Link

1st Sunday of Lent

Our readings this weekend are all about...
TEMPTATIONS!

These are not the Temptations of doo-wop singing fame, these are the Temptations faced by Adam and Eve, Jesus, and of all of us. Did you know that temptation is not a sin? Only when we act on those desires and give in to temptation do we sin. What an ideal time in the church year for us to begin our conversations in class about moral choices.

Adam and Eve made the choice (both of them!) to eat from the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden, and this first sin, this "Original" sin is what first separated God's people from God. Now, centuries later, we still give into that tendency when we give in to our temptations.

Reread the Gospel reading (Matthew 4:1-11) at:

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/021008.shtml#gospel>

The story of Jesus' temptation is always the Gospel reading for the First Sunday of Lent. The three temptations attack the three human faculties with which one is commanded to love God: heart, soul and strength. The rabbis interpreted the heart as the human appetite toward good or evil, the soul as life, and might as one's wealth.

The Gospel reading makes clear the difference between Jesus and Adam, the reason that Adam's act brought death and Jesus' act brought life.

Dig a little deeper

Questions for Children: Jesus was tempted by the devil. How are you tempted? What helps you resist these temptations?

Question for Adults: When you yourself pause to be alone with God, what distracts and prevents you from dwelling in that? To-do lists? Family? The demands of life? TV or the internet?

Coming Up

*Next Children's Faith Formation classes:

Session 9, February 24 & 27

Session 10, March 9 & 12

Session 11, March 30 & April 2

*For parents of Confirmation students, the Bishop will be here to Confirm on Wednesday, May 7th at 6:30pm. Faith Formation class that evening will be moved to May 14.

LENT

*Lent is a time when we reconcile ourselves to one another and to God. There is no better time than Lent to take your family to the sacrament of Reconciliation. On March 13 at 7:00pm Our Lady of Light will hold a Communal Reconciliation Service, a setting that is friendly to families and individuals, with time for prayer before and after your individual Reconciliation. If you find it uncomfortable to show up for regularly scheduled Reconciliation on Saturdays, try the Communal Service – it will be a worthwhile experience.

For Parents

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.

Blessings as you lead your children and families on the journey through Lent.