



## JOURNEY OF FAITH 2022-23 Registration and Program Information

**Journey of Faith** is for everyone in the parish—youth in grades K-12 *and their parents*, and any and all other adults. We are pleased to present this year's schedule and topics along with information about our program to assist you in registration. Please fill out the attached registration form and return it to us by the deadline. If you prefer to register online, please contact us for the link and your ID#.

### **CONFIRMATION FAMILIES (youth in grades 10 & 11), PLEASE NOTE:**

- Eleventh graders who have already begun their Confirmation preparation in 10th grade will be Confirmed on October 30 2022. **YOU NEED NOT REGISTER or pay the fee.**
- Any other 11th graders requesting Confirmation must contact Barb to discuss options.
- This Fall's 10th graders will prepare for Confirmation, to be celebrated in the fall of 2023. Please register your 10th grader for Confirmation and pay the Confirmation fee.

### **Please read this additional information carefully before filling out your registration form:**

- **Deadline for registration is Sunday, July 31, 2022.** Any registrations received after this date are subject to late fees, and preferences regarding session or location will not be guaranteed after this date.
- Wednesday Session 1 is scheduled at both the Big Lake and Becker locations. Wednesday Session 2 is scheduled **ONLY AT THE BECKER LOCATION**. Please indicate your preference as to location; these preferences might not be honored for late registrations.
- Please also complete the section regarding registration for your children who will be preparing for and celebrating First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation this year. All youth in Sacramental Preparation processes **MUST** attend all in-person sessions. Any missed sessions will be required to be made up.
- **Graduated fee schedule:** check the registration form for an early bird break (**by and including July 20**) on registration fees, as well as **late fees** that apply **beginning on August 1**. Please note that the family fee is waived for catechists; Sacrament preparation fees are separate from family fees.
- **NON-MEMBERS** of Mary of the Visitation wishing to register for Journey of Faith will pay higher registration fees; these families will only be placed into classes once all member families have been assigned. Families enrolling into Sacrament Preparation programs must be members of Mary of the Visitation.
- Journey of Faith is for ages Kindergarten through adult; **at least one parent of youth in Kindergarten – Grade 10 must attend when their children attend**; both parents are strongly encouraged to attend.
- Sessions meet once per month for an hour and a half, and all family members will attend at the same time on the same day.
- All registered families will receive a letter in early September indicating their schedule for the year.
- No one will be refused participation for financial reasons; please contact Barb if you wish to set up a payment plan or request a fee waiver. Payment or waiving of current year fees must be satisfied by conclusion of the Journey of Faith year in order for families to participate the following year.
- Registration forms may be mailed to Mary of the Visitation (PO Box 100, Big Lake 55309), or dropped off at either location.
- Our year will begin with a Fall Kick-off celebration for registered families on **Wednesday, September 21, at 6:30 pm in BECKER**. Watch for details in your September family schedule letter.

Announcements and information regarding Journey of Faith can be found on our website ([www.maryofthevisitation.org](http://www.maryofthevisitation.org)) as well as in the Sunday bulletin. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about Journey of Faith. You may reach me by calling 763-447-3339, or emailing ([bolson@maryofthevisitation.org](mailto:bolson@maryofthevisitation.org)).

~Barb Olson, Director of Faith Formation



The New Testament is the second part of the Bible, and speaks of a new covenant with God as represented through the life and death of Jesus. Composed of 27 books by eight different authors and compiled over a 50-100 year span during the first and second centuries, the New Testament offers a guide to living a Christian life 2000 years later.

Join us this year as we explore the development of the New Testament, the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, the Acts of the Apostles, and the writings of St. Paul.

### **OCTOBER - Reading the Bible**

The Bible is a great treasure for understanding God's saving grace. In this session we explore how to navigate our way around the Bible, gain a basic understanding of the literature types in the Scriptures, and begin to understand how to interpret the proper meaning in a Scripture passage.

### **NOVEMBER - Introduction to the New Testament**

There are a number of great themes embedded in the text of the New Testament. As we explore these themes, we come to understand how the experiences and stories of Jesus and the early Christian communities can teach us a great deal about how to live as Christian believers today.

### **DECEMBER - The Gospel of Matthew and the Season of Advent**

The season of Advent begins a new Liturgical Year and this year's Gospel readings come primarily from the Gospel of Matthew. Families will meet together to explore the purpose of Matthew's Gospel and to prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

### **JANUARY - The Synoptic Gospels**

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are known as the Synoptic Gospels. In this session we'll explore why there is so much common material in these Gospels while also looking at the distinctions among them.

### **FEBRUARY - The Gospel of John**

Having opened up the Synoptic Gospels in January, this month we explore the unique contents and features of the Gospel of John. John's Gospel has many layers, and in reading this Gospel we must step back and ponder the many meanings John has woven into the stories of Jesus that he selected.

### **MARCH - The Acts of the Apostles and the Early Church**

As we prepare for the Easter Season, we'll explore the life of the early church as proclaimed in the Acts of the Apostles. Acts teaches us that we are called together in fellowship to support one another in faith, celebrate sacraments, share prayer, and give of our gifts.

### **APRIL - The Writings of St. Paul**

After a dramatic conversion, St. Paul traveled many miles as the Apostle to the Gentiles and authored many of the letters in the New Testament. Exploring the words of St. Paul can help us be open to encounters with Christ and help us share the Good News with others as we live out the values of the Christian life.

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## **2022-23 SCHEDULE**

### **Kick-Off Celebration**

**September 21 (Wed), 6:30pm, Becker**

#### **SESSION 1 (Becker & Big Lake)**

6:30-8:00 pm (Wed)

October 5

November 2

December 7—FAMILY SESSION

January 4

February 1

March 1

April 12



#### **SESSION 2 (BECKER ONLY)**

6:30-8:00 pm (Wed)

October 12

November 9

December 14—FAMILY SESSION

January 11

February 8

March 15

April 19

### **End of Year Celebration**

**April 26 (Wed), 6:30pm, Big Lake**