



# Whole Parish Catechesis

## Church of St. Joseph

### Red Lake Falls/Brooks

2007-2008

Dear St. Joseph's Parishioners,

At St. Joseph Church and School we continue to build our Lifelong Faith Formation Center. We are committed to providing faith formation programs for all ages throughout the year. This year our parish will again join other parishes throughout the Diocese of Crookston in the program *Why Catholic?* This second of the four-year program will focus on the sacraments and how we celebrate as Catholics.

We are working hard as a pastoral team to meet the catechetical needs of our parishioners and we seek your help and cooperation in passing on our faith. We remind everyone that the Sunday Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as Catholics and that all of us through baptism are called to participate in the Sunday Eucharist weekly.

Please keep our catechetical and lifelong faith formation efforts in your prayers. We are blessed in Red Lake Falls to be able to have a comprehensive program for people of all ages.

God bless us as together we build and be Church!

In Christ,

The Catechetical Team from St. Joseph's in Red Lake Falls and in Brooks

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## General Information and Announcements

**The parish bulletin is our primary source of communication.** Look for the heading **Whole Parish Catechesis**. At times we will have mailings with more specific details. If you move or if your phone number changes, please notify the parish. We appreciate your helping us keep our records up-to-date.

Look for a new feature in our bulletin—the Discipleship Corner. Parishioners will be encouraged to reflect on The Question of the Week, both as individuals and with families as we continue to build the kingdom of God.

**Visit our parish website <http://www.stjosephsrlf.org>**

# WELCOME!!!

Our Church is moving from a **limited focus on catechesis for children and teens until Confirmation** by implementing lifelong faith formation for **all ages** and generations, **including adults**. Lifelong faith formation ends “start and stop” catechesis with learning for a lifetime through involvement in the events of Church life.

Whole parish catechesis fashions a lifelong curriculum around the life and events of the Church that engages **all ages and generations** in catechesis throughout the entire life cycle by providing a six-year curriculum plan of Church events that is developmentally appropriate and repeats every six years (spiraling curriculum).

This spiraling curriculum addresses the foundations of the Catholic faith and the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

- Church Seasons
- Creed
- Sacraments
- Morality
- Prayer
- Justice and Service

Our focus this year in all of our parish/school catechesis will be the **Sacraments** in conjunction with the Renew parish program “Why Catholic?” Next year our focus will be on Morality. We have been and will continue to utilize a blended version of intergenerational sessions during Advent and Lent with age-specific catechesis for children, teens and adults.

# RED LAKE FALLS

## Preschool

Family take-home packets will be made available for those children who are registered. At least one faith session for families with PK children will be planned this year if we have at least five children registered.

## Grades K-6 Wednesday Elementary Faith Formation

Wednesdays, 3:15—5:00 pm

Children will arrive by bus from Hughes Elementary School to St. Joseph's School. Parents are asked to pick up their children *promptly* at 5:00 pm.

Sept. 19, 26

Dec. 12

Mar. 5, 12

Oct. 3, 10

Jan. 2, 9, 16

Apr. 2, 9, 30

Nov. 7, 14

Feb. 13, 20

May 7

Intergenerational Parish Family Sessions

- Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 5

January 30-Mini-retreat with St. Joseph School Children 1:00-3:00 pm  
Ash Wednesday – Feb. 6, Mass 10:30 am and 7:00 pm in RLF; 7:00 am  
in Brooks

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## Home School Option

Parents, as the primary catechists of their children, may choose to teach their children at home. We encourage that parents participate in catechist formation sessions and to take advantage of the many catechist resources available from the parish; that the parents and child/youth meet quarterly with the Director of Faith Formation for review.

Contact Jan Wood at 253.2685 for catechetical resources.

# **JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION**

## **Grade 12**

Mondays

1st Qtr. (Sept. 4-Nov. 2, 8:20-9:10)

2nd Qtr. (Nov. 5-Jan. 18, 10:06-10:56)

3rd Qtr. (Jan. 21-Mar. 20, 10:59-11:49)

4th Qtr. (Mar. 16-May 23, 2::20-3:10)

## **Grade 11**

Tuesdays

1st Qtr. (Sept. 4-Nov. 2, 8:20-9:10)

2nd Qtr. (Nov. 5-Jan. 18, 10:06-10:56)

3rd Qtr. (Jan. 21-Mar. 20, 1:27-2:17)

4th Qtr. (Mar. 26-May 23, 12:19-1:09)

## **Grade 10**

Wednesdays

1st Qtr. (Sept. 13-Nov. 1, 10:59-11:49)

2nd Qtr. (Nov. 5-Jan. 18, 10:06-10:56)

3rd Qtr. (Jan. 21-Mar. 20, 12:19-1:09)

4th Qtr. (Mar. 26-May 23, 1:27-2:17)

## **Grade 9**

Thursdays

1st Qtr. (Sept. 4-Nov. 2, 8:20-9:10)

2nd Qtr. (Nov. 5-Jan. 18, 10:06-10:56)

3rd Qtr. (Jan. 21-Mar. 20, 10:59-11:49)

4th Qtr. (Mar. 26-May 23, 12:19-1:09)

## **Junior High**

Fridays

1st Qtr. (Sept. 4-Nov. 2, 8:20-9:10)

2nd Qtr. (Nov. 5-Jan. 18, 9:13-10:03)

3rd Qtr. (Jan. 21-Mar. 20, 10:06-10:56)

4th Qtr. (Mar. 26-May 23, 10:59-11:49)

See monthly calendar for specific dates of Faith Formation and Youth Nights.

## **\*Parish Family Faith Sessions**

Wednesday, December 5 at 5:30 pm beginning with food and Wednesday, March 5

## **Ash Wednesday**

February 6 Mass at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm in RLF; 7:00 am in Brooks

*Mark your calendars at home!*

# CONFIRMATION

The preparation process for Confirmation is part of **Total Youth Ministry**. TYM is a component of the **total faith formation** process of our parish community which focuses on the needs of our youth. Although the actual preparation takes place during the sophomore and junior years of high school, we help candidates in living their faith on a daily basis **far beyond** the celebration of the sacrament.

The preparation for Confirmation includes the following dimensions:

## Word

The four areas of instruction drawing upon *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, are include:

- The Creed
- Liturgy and the Sacraments
- Life in Christ/ Discipleship
- Prayer

## Worship

The preparation program helps the candidates in becoming people of prayer, individually and communally.

- Attend weekly Sunday Eucharist and Holy Days of Obligation
- Regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation especially during Advent and Lent
- Be integrated into the liturgical ministries
- Take part in retreat experiences

## Service

- All Christians are called to live their faith through acts of service
- Opportunities are offered annually and are designed so as to promote and develop an attitude of Christian service rather than an accumulation of service hours.

## Community

At the heart of the Confirmation preparation process is the faith community. The community dimension is realized through

- **Parental involvement**
- **Parish prayer support**
- **Members of the parish serving as sponsors, mentors, catechists**

*A brochure for Confirmation candidates, their parents and sponsors will be available soon.*

# TOTAL YOUTH MINISTRY

**Social Nights** are held usually once a month on Sundays for grades 7-12.

**Junior High Youth Nights** are held on Wednesdays.

**Senior High Youth Nights** are held on Sundays for grades 9-12.

TYM nights begin at 6:30 PM and end at 8 PM. Youth are asked to bring a can of food for the Red Lake Falls Food Shelf and \$2.00 for dinner.

TYM "**Senior's Only**" events are just for high school seniors. They will go on a mystery trip and spend some time relaxing, being with each other and building their understanding of Catholic Identity.

*Make your calendar with the TYM "Senior's Only" Events*

- Sunday, September 16, 2007
- Sunday, November 25, 2007
- Sunday, February 24, 2008
- Sunday, April 27, 2008

## **Fall Parish Youth Rally directed by NET Ministries**

October 8 from 8:20 am-3:20 pm in RLF.

## **Diocesan High School Youth Rally**

Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007 in Bemidji.

## **Diocesan Junior High Youth Rally**

Saturday, April 5, 2008 in Warroad

*Pick-up the 2007-2008 TYM calendar for a complete listing of the events available for the youth.*



**Visit the TYM quick link on the St. Joseph Webpage!**

# BROOKS

## **Grades K-6 Wednesday Elementary Faith Formation**

Wednesdays, 3:45—5:00 pm

Children will arrive by bus from Plummer to St. Joseph's Church in Brooks. Parents are asked to pick up their children *promptly* at 5:15 pm .

Sept. 19, 26

Dec. 5, 12, 19

Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24

Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30

Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28

Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27

## **Grades 7-12 Wednesday evening sessions in Oklee**

**Intergenerational Parish Family Sessions for Brooks and Red Lake Falls**

- Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 5:30 pm in RLF
- Wednesday, March 5 at 5:30 pm in RLF

**K-6 Christmas Program**-Sunday, December 16

**Children's Living Stations of the Cross**-Friday, March 14

**K-6 Children's Liturgy**-Wednesday, April 23

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

**Parent meeting**

Wednesday, October 25, 7:00 pm

**First Reconciliation Retreat**

Saturday, December 8, 10:00 for children and parents.

**First Reconciliation**

Sunday, December 9, 7:00 pm in conjunction with the parish communal reconciliation in RLF.

# FIRST EUCHARIST

## Parent meeting

Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 pm

## First Eucharist retreat

Saturday, April 12, 9:00-11:00 am for children and parents

## First Eucharist

Sunday, April 13 at both Brooks and Red Lake Falls

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## The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

In the Rite of Christian Initiation adults and older children are initiated into the Christian community. This process is gradual and focuses on *conversion* of heart. Time is spent reflecting on the Word of God as we are learning about the Catholic faith.

Those who have never been baptized or those baptized in another faith tradition and seeking reception into the Catholic Church may enter into this preparation process. Adults baptized as Catholics who wish to complete their initiation may also participate. Ordinarily sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) are celebrated at Easter. All sessions will be held in the Parish Center in Red Lake Falls.

## Exploring the Catholic Faith

Mondays, Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 15, 29, Nov. 12, 26 at RLF 7:00 pm

## Catechumenate

Mondays, Dec. 10, 17, Jan. 7, 14, 21

## Period of Enlightenment

Lenten Soup Suppers, (Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12), March 18

## Mystagogy

Mon. March 31 and Wed. April 9 and May 7 in RLF

# Adult & Parent Faith Formation Evenings

## PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

### Wed. Sept. 12

At 7:00 pm in RLF for ALL parents of children/youth enrolled in either the St. Joseph's School, or the RLF faith formation programs, Confirmation and for all RLF catechists. This an important informational meeting regarding whole parish catechesis and Total Youth Ministry. A potluck begins at 6:15 pm in the parish dining hall.

### Wed. Oct. 3

An informative meeting on Internet Safety for all parents, 7:00 pm in RLF

### Sun. Oct. 14

After the 10:00 am liturgy in RLF for ALL parents of juniors preparing for Confirmation in the Parish Dining Hall.

### Lent Soup Suppers

Wednesdays of Lent, beginning with liturgy at 6:00 pm, supper, a short presentation and discussion with Confirmation and RCIA candidates. Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 5 and 12 in RLF.

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## INTERGENERATIONAL PARISH ACTIVIES

### St. Cecilia Sing-A-Long

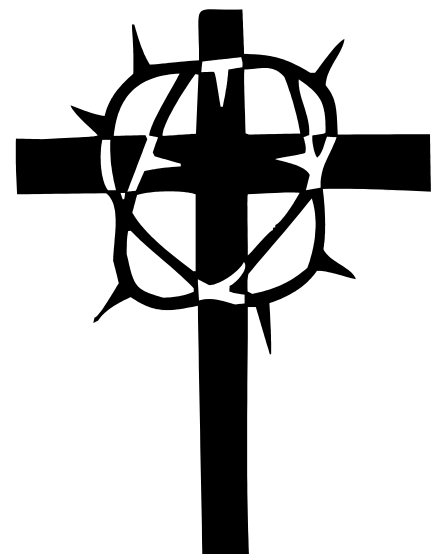
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### Advent

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 5:30-8:00 RLF

### Lent

Wednesdays of Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 5 and 12 in RLF. 6:00 pm Mass followed by a simple meal of bread and soup. A *Why Catholic* presentation on the Sacraments followed by discussion groups with adults, Confirmation and RCIA candidates.



# BAPTISM

Infant Baptism welcomes children into the Christian family. First time parents participate in a pre-baptism session as well as one of the inter-generational parish events. Godparents, if possible are also asked to participate.

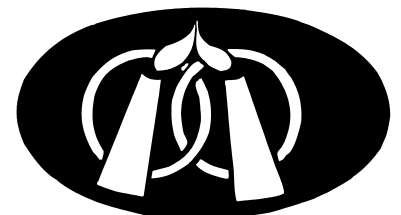
During the parent session, the sacrament of baptism, the ritual and what it means to a Christian parent are discussed. The dates for the preparation sessions are **October, January and May**. Please call the Parish Office if you plan to attend any of these sessions. Baptisms are encouraged to take place during a weekend liturgy. **Besides first time parents, anyone interested in learning more about this sacrament is welcome!**

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# MARRIAGE

Because we believe marriage is sacred, permanent and indissoluble, we want to help prepare engaged couples for a life long marriage commitment together, not just for a wedding day. Here are the steps for the sacrament of marriage at St. Joseph's:

- Be an active participant in the sacramental life of a parish
- At least **six months** prior to the proposed wedding date, contact the pastor or pastoral staff member to fill out biographical papers. Obtain a current baptismal certificate.
- Attend a marriage preparation seminar
- Take the Focus Inventory (a pre-marital assessment)
- Discuss FOCUS results with a parish Sponsoring Couple at least twice
- Meet with a pastoral team member or the pastor to finalize wedding music, rehearsal and other concerns



# LITURGIES

**Weekend Eucharist**-5:30 pm Saturday; 10:00 am Sunday in RLF and  
8:15 am Sunday in Brooks

## **Communal Reconciliation**

(Advent) Sunday, December 9, 7:00 pm in RLF; Thursday, December 13,  
7:00 pm, Brooks

(Lent) Sunday, March 2 in RLF 7:00 pm; Thurs., March 6, 7:00 pm, Oklee

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

Fridays 9:00 am-9:00 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at RLF.

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For information regarding preparation for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, RCIA, and faith formation sessions, please contact Jan Wood, Director of Faith Formation, 253.2685, Ex. 21.

For information regarding the sacramental preparation for Marriage, please contact Father Anthony Fernando, 253.2685, Ex. 16

For information regarding Total Youth Ministry, please contact Justin Hartwell, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, 253.2685, Ex. 30

## **For Your Reflection...**

“Catechesis is a **responsibility** of the **entire** Christian community.”  
*The General Directory for Catechesis, 220, signed by Pope John Paul II in 1997.*

“**Parents are the first and most important educators** of their own children; and they also possess a fundamental competence in this area: They are educators because they are parents. They **share** their educational mission with other individuals or institutions such as the Church and the State.”  
*Letter to Families, Pope John Paul II*