

**SS JOHN & PAUL PARISH
FAITH FORMATION EVENTS 2011 - 2012**

CVOL Parent Meeting	Parents of 5 th - 8 th graders are urged to attend this informative meeting. Choose between two models – CVOL Retreat or CVOL Home Study. All middle school students are required to complete the CVOL material each year.	Thursday, August 4 - 7:00 PM
New Catechist Orientations	Introductory session for all new Catechists @ 6:15 All Catechists (new and returning) meet at 7 PM meeting	Wednesday, August 31 - 6:15 PM – 8:30 PM
Catechist Kick-Off Meeting	MANDATORY meeting for Weekly Children's Faith Formation Catechists. (Family Program Catechists meet September 18)	Wednesday, August 31 - 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Family Program Catechists Meeting	For catechists who teach Sunday Family Program model only	Sunday, September 18 - 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Parish Picnic	All families are encouraged to join us for the picnic at Sts. John and Paul Parish	Sunday, September 25
Family Program and Home Study Program Materials Pick-up	All families in Family Program or Middle School Home Study models need to pick-up materials. They will be on tables in boxes on your left as you enter through the lower level entrance. Begin home study and Chapter Reviews.	Textbooks and information packet can be picked up at Church any time after Friday, September 16 .
Catechetical Sunday	Catechists are recognized at all Masses. Catechetical Theme – “Do This in Memory of Me.”	Sunday, September 18 (All Masses)
Weekly Classes Begin:	OPEN HOUSE FORMAT for first 15 minutes of each session, stay and meet your child's catechist and classroom aides.	Sunday, September 18 – Wednesday, September 21
GAP Kids	Children and parents, grades K-5, building community by having fun together!	9/9/11 @ 6:45 Fun Fore All Must pre-register Other dates TBA
Middle School Youth Group Events	Faith and Fun for students and friends in grades 6, 7 & 8	TBA
RCIA	RCIA is available for those who wish to know more about the Catholic faith.	September 20 - May 22 – 7:30 PM Meets every Tuesday
Family Program Meetings 10 AM – Noon Parish Hall	Group A	10/16, 11/13, 1/8, 2/5, 3/4
	Group B	10/23, 11/20, 1/22, 2/12, 3/11
	ALL GROUPS Year End Awards and Pancake Breakfast	4/22/12- 9:00 Mass, Awards, Pancakes in the CDC
Animal Blessing	Animal Blessings will be during the first 20 minutes of Faith Formation Session.	Tuesday, October 4 @ 4:45 PM
Sixth Grade Bible Service	During regular class time. Grade 6 only. Call for a Bible if your child misses a class	Sunday, October 16 & Tuesday, October 18

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Middle School Faith Builders	Required for students in Summer Program & Home Study. Check the parish website for detailed schedule.	Check SSJP website for details: http://www.stsjohnandpaul.org/FaithFormation/Children.jsp
Mon and Tues CLASSES CANCELLED Wed 11/2 CLASSES MEET	No Class on Monday and Tuesday All Saints Day-Holy Day of Obligation Wednesday Classes Meet on 11/2	Monday, 10/31-Tuesday, 11/1 NO CLASS Tuesday, 11/1 Mass at 7 AM, 9 AM, Noon, 7 PM
Student led Prayer Service and Program to highlight the needs of the poor	**Home sites should attend. All families are invited to bring CANNED FOOD OR NON-PARISHABLES FOR THE POOR. All donations will be given to the Little Sisters of the Poor Food Pantry.	Sunday, 11/13-Wednesday, 11/16 Food will be collected in the Upper Hall of the Cardinal DiNardo Center. Students will present a program on the stage in the CDC during the last 30 minutes of each class session. Parents/Guardians/Siblings are all welcome!
CLASSES CANCELLED	Thanksgiving Break	Tuesday, 11/22 - Monday, 11/ 28 NO CLASS
HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION	Feast of the Immaculate Conception –Holy Day of Obligation	Thursday, 12/ 8 Mass @ 7 AM, 9 AM, Noon, 7 PM
Living Nativity	Come and see the Living Nativity in the CDC	December 16 @ 7 PM
Classes Cancelled	Christmas Break	No classes Sunday, December 18-Sunday, January 1
CVOL Retreats	CVOL Retreats held in August for Grades 5 & 6. All day release time for Grades 7 and 8 middle school students regarding the Catholic Vision of Love and Sexuality. Parents are also encouraged to participate. A completely new retreat with new information for each grade level. Includes Reconciliation and Mass. Counts as 2 faith builder credits. *CVOL is a required part of the Faith Formation curriculum. Students who do not participate in retreats must complete CVOL at home with a parent and submit completed program reviews to the Faith Formation Office. (1 faith builder credit)	Grade 5 – Friday, August 26 - 9:00 AM-Noon <u>Grades 6-8 Retreats – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM</u> Grade 6 -- Wednesday, August 24 <i>"You've Come a Long Way Baby"</i> Grade 7 – Friday, October 21 <i>"God's Good Gift of Sexuality "</i> Grade 8 – Friday, March 23 <i>"Bringing Sexuality into God's Light"</i>
Teaching Mass	Want to learn more about the Mass? Have you ever wondered about why the priest says or does something at Mass? All Faith Formation sessions meet this week including Monday, 1/16/12.	Monday, January 16 - 9:00 AM
Ash Wednesday	All Wednesday Faith Formation classes are cancelled on Wednesday, February 22, so that Families can attend Service of the Word/Mass together.	Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday Mass @ 7 AM, 9 AM, 7 PM Service of the Word with ashes @ Noon and 5 PM
Parish Penance Service	Please bring all pennies collected during Lent for <i>The Little Sisters of the Poor</i> to the Parish Penance Service.	Monday, March 26 – 7:00 PM

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FAMILY FAITH EVENT: Stations of the Cross/Living Stations	Sunday evening session will pray the Stations in the Grotto Chapel. All weekly sessions begin in CDC-Upper Hall with ½ hour service for children and parents. Home sites should also attend. Children will be dismissed from classrooms at regular time.	Monday, March 26- Sunday, April 1; during the first 30 minutes of all classes. LAST WEEK OF FAITH FORMATION
Easter Sunday	Happy Easter!	Sunday, April 8
EARLY REGISTRATION BEGINS	Parents who volunteer to assist in our Faith Formation Program (catechist, classroom aide) may register their children EARLY and are guaranteed the sessions of their choice for ALL of their children. For info contact Kathy at X236.	Monday, April 9
Faith Formation Registration 2011-2012	Faith Formation registration will begin on Saturday morning. Doors open at 8 AM, registrations will be processed on a first come, first served basis. Parents who volunteer to assist in our FF Programs receive EARLY REGISTRATION and are guaranteed the sessions of their choice for ALL of their children. Want information? Please contact Kathy at X236.	Saturday, April 21 at 8:00 AM
Summer Program 2011	Summer Program is an alternative Faith Formation model for Grades 6 th -8 th in July. Students are also required to earn five Middle School Faith Builder credits throughout the year.	Monday, July 9 - Friday, July 13 at 8:45 AM-3:00 PM