

## St. John the Evangelist

Family Catechesis



### KEY POINTS OF JANUARY'S LESSONS

*The key points of this month's lessons come from Essay 6 & 7 in the back of the Parent Guide.*

- At every Mass, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
- When we receive the Eucharist we are separated from sin, and united with Christ and other Christians.
- All of our Faith flows from and points toward Jesus in the Eucharist.
- Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, as the fulfillment of the Jewish Passover.

### JANUARY ACTIVITIES

PLEASE TAKE THIS MONTH SERIOUSLY & DO AS MANY ACTIVITIES AS POSSIBLE

#### TO DO THIS MONTH:

**YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH AT HOME** - page 110, add the Blessed Mother to your family prayer space

**SAINT OF THE MONTH** – Learn about St. Thomas Aquinas

**GRACE PERSON ACTIVITY** Pg 138 Do the Grace person Activity – The Effects of Holy Communion

#### ALSO DO THE TWO FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES IN LESSON 6

Activity 3 pg 124 – Jesus, Our Passover Lamb

Activity 4 pg 129 – Old Covenant, New Covenant

**FAMILY REFLECTION PAGE** – Fill out [online](#) or Hand in hard copy at the end of the month. The main questions to be answered are 1. **Favorite Family Activity this Month**, 2. **Favorite Mass experience and Why**

Helpful videos are posted on the website

## A FAMILY OF FAITH

[webpage with the Adult Meeting PowerPoints and Information](#)

[22-23 Calendar updated](#)

MAKE JESUS A PART OF EVERY DAY

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN @ MASS EACH WEEK. CLIP BOARDS ARE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.**

#### Sunday 1/22:

- **COMMUNITY/FAMILY MEETING BEGINNING AT 10:10 AM IN CHURCH AND SIT UP FRONT** will include 10:30 AM Mass

#### Sunday 1/22:

- **Confirmation Class**
- All Confirmation students should attend **10:30 Mass** prior to Confirmation Class

Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale beginning soon.

Saturday 1/28 9-NOON: First Holy Communion Retreat. Church Auditorium One parent should attend with their child.

Sunday 2/5: Youth Mass Served by Confirmation Class & Monthly Reception after Masses

#### Mon 2/6 & Tues 2/7:

- Parent Meetings
- FHC Class

MAKE JESUS A PART OF EVERYDAY

*CHOOSE AT LEAST 1 ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY FROM EACH LESSON*

*CHOOSE THE ACTIVITIES IN EACH LESSON THAT WORK BEST FOR YOUR CHILDREN BASED ON HOW THEY LEARN*

*You may always do more, however you must choose at least one activity in each lesson in addition to what is listed*

**LESSON 6: THE EUCHARIST: JESUS, THE PASSOVER LAMB** (Supporting Essay Pg 274)

ACTIVITIES TO CHOOSE FROM:

**Family Discussion Activities**

- #1 What is the Eucharist – The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our Faith

**Scripture Search**

- #2 The Passover Sacrifice - The Eucharist is prefigured in the Passover

**Lesson 7: HOLY MASS & THE EFFECTS OF THE EUCHARIST** (Supporting Essay Pg 277)

Activities to Choose From:

READING AND DISCUSSION

- #1 “This is My Body”: At every Mass, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ

FAMILY DISCUSSION:

- #2 Receiving the Blessed Sacrament Worthily:
  - Catholics in a state of grace can and should receive the Eucharist

**JANUARY COMMUNITY MEETING 1/22**

**ALL FAMILIES AND CONFIRMATION STUDENTS SHOULD ATTEND THE 10:30 MASS THIS MONTH. WE WILL BEGIN IN CHURCH AT 10:10. PLEASE SIT CLOSE TO THE FRONT. THIS MASS IS GEARED SPECIFICALLY TOWARD THE FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM.**

**VIRTUS**

Protecting God’s Children Virtus Training Sessions.

[Click Here to](#) find a session

**BEYOND A FAMILY OF FAITH**

Other things are going on in Faith Formation.

**MONTHLY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MASS**

The February 5<sup>th</sup> Youth Mass will be served by the Confirmation Class.

The next High School Youth Mass is Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM led by our High School Teens. Any High School teen interested in Serving as a Lector, Usher, Altar Server or in the Youth Choir [SIGN UP HERE](#)

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

High School Youth Group will be planning a trip bowling at the end of the month. All High School Teens are welcome to join. For more information email [stjohnshsyg@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnshsyg@gmail.com)

**YOUTH CHOIR**

Our New Youth Choir sings during the Monthly Youth Mass. Any Middle School & High School Teen interested in joining the Youth Choir please [email me](#). The choir will practice before the Youth Mass at 9:30 in the Church.

**ALL ADULT VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH CHILDREN MUST BE SAFETY CERTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIOCESAN GUIDELINES:**

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**STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Please be sure your 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are experiencing Liturgical and Service Stewardship Opportunities, reflecting on them and handing in their forms.

Liturgical opportunities:

- Pray a family Rosary
- Go to adoration
- Go to daily Mass
- Go to Confession
- Pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Read Scripture