

# 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Mini-Course Descriptions for 2017-2018

## **Fall/Winter 2017**

### **Sacraments of Initiation**

This course will look at Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation by discussing the meaning of various signs and symbols utilized in each of the sacraments. The goal of this course is to connect the three sacraments of initiation to better prepare the participants to enter the Confirmation Preparation Program in their junior year.

**Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30pm**

**October 4, October 11, October 18, October 25**

### **The Mass and Me**

This mini course will take a closer look at our Mass, including the Rites, Prayers and traditions that make up the Celebration of Eucharist with the hopes that teens will feel more connected and enriched when they attend in Liturgy.

*\*Note – if you have previously taken this topic in an earlier grade – you can NOT select it again*

**Sundays 6:30 – 8:00pm**

**October 15, October 22, October 29, Nov. 5**

### **Music, Media and Catholic Faith**

Music and media are a huge part of every teenager's life. This mini course will explore the impact of music and various forms of media on today's teen. Asking questions like: "Does what I watch and listen to shape my decisions and opinions?" "What is the artist's true message?" "Would considering media through a faith-based lens change what I watch and listen too?" All of these questions and more will be addressed while exploring current music, movie and television.

**Mondays 7:00 – 8:30pm**

**November 20, Nov 27, December 4, Dec 11**

## **Winter/Spring 2018**

### **Going Green – Does God Really Care about Global Warming?**

Catholics believe that environmental issues are not just about politics, economics, or interest groups, but primarily about the protection of God's creation. Our faith calls us to act and advocate to protect all that God has created. This course hopes to give participants a deeper appreciation for the Wonder & Awe of God's Creation and to give everyone some ideas on what they can do to impact positive environmental change.

*\*Note – participants should be prepared to go OUTSIDE for a portion of each session*

**Wednesdays 7:00-8:30pm**

**January 17, January 24, January 31, Feb. 7**

**You can be a Saint!** - What is a Saint? How do you become a Saint? Why do we have Saints? This course will outline the process of becoming a Saint and will look in detail at some Catholic Saints. Participants will enter a dialogue about modern saints and will be challenged to consider living a life worthy of Sainthood.

**Sundays 6:30 – 8:00pm**

**March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25**

### **Mercy Me**

This mini course will explore what Mercy means and how focusing on the experience of the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope (Pope Francis) can impact us as individuals and the entire world.

**Mondays 7:00-8:30pm**

**March 19, March 26, April 9, April 16**

(Please note this topic skips the week of 4/2 Easter week/Spring Break)

### **Safe Environment Training (required annually) - Select 1 of the following**

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm    Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm    Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

Training sessions will last approximately 45 minutes and will be multi-grade sessions. Please be sure to SIGN UP for your preferred date during enrollment as space will be limited in each session.