

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

### **Fall/Winter 2017**

#### **Exploring the Sacraments**

This mini-course will offer teens an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the Sacraments. The course will include exploring the Rites of the Sacraments as well as the signs and symbols used by the Church in Sacramental celebrations.

**Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30pm**

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

#### **Mary: Blessed Mother**

This course will look at Mary's role as Mother. Mother of Jesus, Mother of the Church, Mother for each of us. In addition prayers of devotion, novenas and the rosary will all be taught to provide a deeper and better understanding of the importance of Mary in our Catholic faith tradition.

**Sundays 6:30 – 8:00pm**

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

#### **Faith Lessons from the Chronicles of Narnia**

Teens who select this course **must have recently** read or seen a film version of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe". This mini course will look at several key scenes and characters from the CS Lewis classic to explore how the story relates to several faith themes like temptation, hope, change and more.

**Mondays 7:00 – 8:30pm**

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

### **Winter/Spring 2018**

#### **Journey through the Bible**

Quick to think of a person from the Bible. No, not Jesus, another person. I'm waiting.... when most of us think of people in the bible we think of Jesus, but guess what the bible is full of interesting people, places and situations that some you may recognize and some that may be new to you. This course will focus on what we can learn from the lives, times and places of the Bible.

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

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

#### **The Miracles of Jesus**

Some of the most memorable depictions of Jesus revolve around the miracles that He performed. Participants will examine the scripture of Jesus' Miracles, view video retellings of the Miracles, to learn more about Jesus and to be inspired to follow His example.

**Sundays 6:30 – 8:00pm**

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

#### **Jesus, a Model Friend**

When it comes to being a good friend, and choosing good friends "What Would Jesus Do?" This course will look at what Jesus teaches us about friendship to see what messages teens can find on guiding and building their own relationships - and hopefully making a Best Friend Forever in Jesus.

**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.