

10th Grade Mini-Course Descriptions for 2016-2017

Fall/Winter 2016

Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels

The Gospels are the Word of God which offer us an invitation to meet Jesus. In this mini course participants will read and reflect on several encounters others had with Jesus in Biblical times.

Through classroom discussions and activities students will reflect on these interactions and see how they are relevant to their everyday lives and the world around us.

Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30pm

Sept 28, October 5, October 12, October 19

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 16, October 23, October 30, Nov. 6

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.

Mondays 7:00 – 8:30pm

November 14, Nov 21, Nov 28, December 5

(Also reserve 12/12 in the event a snow makeup is necessary)

Winter/Spring 2017

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 18, January 25, February 1, Feb. 8

(Also reserve 2/15 in the event a snow makeup is necessary)

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.

Sundays 6:30 – 8:00pm

March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26

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 20, March 27, April 3, April 10

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

Wednesday, October 12th at 6pm Sunday, October 23rd at 5:30pm Monday, November 21st 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.