

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mini-Course Descriptions for 2016-2017

### **Fall/Winter 2016**

#### **The Evangelist**

This mini course will use the Award-winning Diocesan Newspaper "The Evangelist" to look at contemporary issues within the Church and local community. Each participant will be given a copy of the Evangelist each week.

**Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30pm**  
**Sept 28, October 5, October 12, October 19**

#### **Not all Fruits Grow on Trees**

When we are open to the Holy Spirit, we can grow as followers of Jesus. We see the effect of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives in special qualities and attitudes that we develop as we grow in faith – these are called the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit are signs that the Holy Spirit is alive within us and helping us live the Catholic faith in our daily lives.

**Sundays 6:30 – 8:00pm**  
**October 16, October 23, October 30, Nov. 6**

#### **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.

**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**

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

Quick – 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 – 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 18, January 25, February 1, Feb. 8**  
(Also reserve 2/15 in the event a snow makeup is necessary)

#### **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 5, March 12, March 19, March 26**

#### **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 20, March 27, April 3, April 10**

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

**Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm    Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm    Monday, November 21<sup>st</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 – space will be limited in each session.