

8th Grade Mini-Course Descriptions for 2019-2020

Fall/Winter 2019

Everybody loves a Story! The Parables of Jesus

Jesus often used parables (short, simple stories) to teach important spiritual truths. This mini course will review some familiar parables and introduce participants to some of the less familiar parables. Using a variety of resources: scripture, video, audio, games and more; teens will break open the parables to learn how the lessons can be applied in their lives today.

Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30pm

October 2, October 9, October 16, October 23

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 20, October 27, November 3, Nov 10

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.

Mondays 7:00-8:30pm

November 25, December 2, Dec 9, Dec 16

Winter/Spring 2020

You've Got a Friend in Me

Do you consider Jesus your friend? When it comes to being a good friend, and choosing good friends – Jesus is the perfect example. 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.

Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30pm

January 15, Jan 22, Jan 29, February 5

If weather cancels a session we will meet Feb 12

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 and in our daily lives—these are called the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Sundays 6:30 – 8:00pm

March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22

If weather cancels a session we will meet March 29

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.

Mondays 7:00-8:30pm

March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6

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

Wednesday, October 16th at 6pm Sunday, November 3rd at 5:30pm Monday, December 9th at 6pm

Training sessions will last approximately 45 minutes and will be multi-grade sessions.

Each training is held immediately prior to the start of a scheduled Fall mini-course session.

Please be sure to SIGN UP for your preferred date during enrollment – space will be limited in each session.