

10th Grade Mini-Course Descriptions for 2023-2024

Fall/Winter 2023

Winter/Spring 2024

Session 1: Answering God's Call – What is a Vocation

Teens spend lots of time thinking about what they want to “do” and “be”. Success is often defined through a specific college, work, or career path, but understanding your vocation – your calling from God - is much deeper and is designed to lead a person toward holiness. This mini-course will introduce youth to the Church teachings on Vocations.

Sundays 6:30 – 8:00pm
October 1, October 8, October 15, October 22

Session 2: 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 these 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 11, October 18, October 25,
November 1

Session 3: Waiting, Watching, Wondering

In our instant gratification/“Google it” world, many teens don't have a lot of experience with waiting for things. This Advent themed mini-course will guide teens into and through the Season of Advent with a mix of hands-on activities and practical suggestions how a young person can wait, watch, and wonder to grow deeper in their faith as the birth of Jesus approaches.

Mondays 7:00-8:30pm
November 27, December 4, December 11,
December 18

Session 4: Becoming Peacemakers

This mini course will encourage participants to think about the presence or absence of peace within themselves, in their relationships, in society and in the world. Using the life and message of Jesus as an example, participants will be challenged to explore constructive ways to resolve conflict and bring about peace in their world and the world.

Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30pm
January 17, January 24, January 31,
February 7

Session 5: Wonder & Awe – God's Creation Surrounds

This mini-course hopes to give participants a deeper appreciation for the Wonder & Awe of God's Creation. Participants will be immersed in the nature that surrounds the parish grounds by going outside for a portion of each session. Youth will learn that our faith calls us to act and advocate to protect all that God has created and be challenged to consider how they can make a positive environmental impact.

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

Sundays 6:30 – 8:00pm
February 25, March 3, March 10, March 17

Session 6: Divine Mercy

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
February 26, March 4, March 11, March 18

Safe Environment Training (required annually) – Additional Information about this Training will be posted at a later date