

FAITH FORMATION

WHO IS ST. JOSEPH?

... and why did Pope Francis declare this the "Year of St. Joseph" for The Church?

St. Joseph is the quiet protector of Jesus and Mary. He was specially chosen by God for this role. He trusted God completely, and spent his life serving and honoring his family. He is sometimes called "The greatest man who never spoke a word," as there is no documentation in Scripture about his words ... Only his faithful actions. How can we emulate St. Joseph? How can St. Joseph intercede for each of us and our families? Call upon him



In 2021, asking for his prayers on behalf of your family. Who else is closer to Jesus and Mary, than this quiet, humble carpenter?

Are you interested in doing a book study on St. Joseph? Contact Peg for information.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

CONFIRMATION – Our next meeting will be **Wed., January 20 at 7 p.m. in Fulda**. This meeting will be for the students and your SPONSOR. Candidates, of you are having trouble picking a Sponsor, please give Peg a call ASAP! St. Gabriel Parishioners, please keep the following students in your prayers as they prepare for this important Sacrament of Initiation:

ETHAN GILMAN, NOAH PEREZ & BRIANNA SIEVE

FIRST COMMUNION -

Parents of 2nd graders: Mark your calendars for **Saturday, Feb. 20 at 9 a.m.** Our First Communion planning meeting will take place for those students/parents hoping to prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion that will take place shortly after Easter this spring.

The Sacraments are a special sign of God's Grace that give us a tangible way to know and experience God's love face to face here on Earth. Take that first step in helping your child to experience and know God's love through the Sacraments! Contact Peg at (507)329-6386

WELCOME 2021!

Formal Announcement of Easter & the moveable Feasts of The Church

The customs of our Church, and her 'Seasons' move in a beautiful and reassuring rhythm. On the Epiphany (last Sunday), in keeping with an ancient practice of The Church, following the singing of the Gospel, a formal announcement of "the moveable feasts of the current year" use to be declared from the pulpit. What follows is the proclamation for 2021:

Know dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the 17th day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.



On the 4th day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.



On the 14th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ into Heaven.



On the 23rd day of May, we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost.



On the 6th day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.



On the 28th day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

WANT THE PERFECT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

Check out 'The Bible in a Year' with Fr. Mike

Catholics are often (quite fairly sometimes) accused of not knowing The Bible. We may have one (or two even) sitting on the shelf at home; but how often do we open it up and use it? Being Catholic means embracing the deep truth, and combination of both Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture. Make 2021 a year of study and learning. Don't be afraid to dig into the Bible and learn of the amazing promises God has for us through His Word. A great new resource from Ascension Press has just come out ...

The Bible in a Year Podcast from Fr. Mike Schmitz and Ascension Press. You can download the podcast on your phone, or access it from your computer by going to Ascensionpress.com (and clicking on "podcasts").

Fr. Mike will take you on a journey through Scripture in the coming year. If you'd always wanted to familiarize yourself more with The Bible, now is the perfect opportunity. Each podcast is about 20 minutes in length; perfect to listen to with your morning cup of coffee or on your morning commute.