

# FAITH FORMATION GROWING IN LOVE & KNOWLEDGE OF OUR FAITH

## Sacramental Preparation for young adults

BEGINNING MONDAY, JAN. 31  
*Every Monday, after school until  
4:30 p.m. for 12 weeks*

This is an opportunity for middle school through HS students to study and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Students in grades six through 12 who have yet to receive these important Sacraments are welcome to attend. It will be a big commitment; but a great opportunity to learn more about and receive the graces that come to us through these Sacraments. Contact Peg ASAP (507)329-6386 to register your child or if you have questions. Adults who are in need of Sacramental preparation; or those interested in becoming Catholic (RCIA), should contact Msgr. Paul at (507)458-5702.

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

**Today: Jan. 16: RITE OF COMMITMENT**

8:30 am Mass

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE COMMITTING TO CONTINUE PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION:

*Molly Clarke, Olivia Clarke, Grace Gerdes, Sam Goedtke, Irish Hollaban, Dustin Hakeneis, Jon Olsem & Gracie Warborg*

*There will be student prayer cards in back of church soon!*

### SESSION 3

**Wednesday, Feb. 9 ~ 7 p.m./ @ St. Anthony, Westbrook**

WHO: Student & Sponsor

WHAT: Saint Report Due ~ *Put together a 2-3 minute report on your Confirmation Saint (about 2-3 paragraphs) and*

## BIBLE STUDY

BEGINS TODAY AFTER MASS

Please keep our study group in your prayers in the weeks ahead as we delve deeper into the profound connected between what takes place during the Catholic Mass and how it is based in Scripture. The study will go for five weeks. We want to express our special thanks to Sue Zins for her organizing and preparations to lead us in this excellent study!

## *Ordinary Time...*

We are trying to help our Release Time students observe and understand better the Seasons of the Church. Our 'stained glass' Cross at the end of the school hall has turned to green and the linens covering our small worship tables in each classroom are now green. Msgr. Paul is wearing more green vestments these days too ... Just as there is beauty to Minnesota's ever-changing seasons, within The Church, there great beauty and reason to understand the ebb and flow of the liturgical seasons. The glitz/excitement of the Christmas Season is just past: *Ordinary Time* is here. Even its name implies nothing remarkable. The Church, in her wisdom, teaches us that it is during this "ordinary season" we can sometimes better see the beauty of God through the simple (Ordinary) things in life. In our entertainment-infused culture; it's easy to be perpetually on the lookout for the next thrill. Boredom is to be dreaded. Lack of something to do, feared! During this "Ordinary Time, try to embrace the beauty and simplicity of the moment! (No matter how 'mundane; your task at hand may be). These moments might not inspire Christmas carols, but the quiet beauty may just set aflame a joy in your heart that will set the world (and those you love) on fire with love for Jesus!

## Upcoming Opportunities for Teens to Grow in Their Faith

THIS THURSDAY, JAN. 20 8:15-9:20

Lisa Kremer will giving a presentation in the Church hall to our high school students on

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE TEACHING.** *All are welcome!*

**TEC RETREAT:** Feb. 19-21 in Mankato. There are brochures on the back Faith Formation table that explain what this amazing retreat is like. Contact Suzi Zins (507)227-6401 with questions.

**LIVING OUR FAITH IN LOVE RETREAT** – Feb. 27, Adrian. There will be a variety of speakers; great musicians, Mass and food! 1:30- 7 p.m. Contact Peg for more information