



## Remember...

This year, we have a lot of exciting new opportunities for faith formation. Please take advantage of them!

Parish Staff and Lay Leadership are partners in the faith formation process. We are committed to providing resources and opportunities to deepen your faith life and the faith life of families. Do not hesitate to call on us with questions or feedback.

Open yourself to the experience of God's grace by diving into our Generations of Faith Process.

## It is a New Beginning....



## 2010/11 Generations of Faith

Households attend **once** a month on the 1st Sunday; 1st Wed. or 2nd Wed.

### 1st Sunday at 5:00 pm

Sept 5	Oct 3	Nov 7
Dec 5	Jan 2	Jan 30
Mar 6	Apr 3	May 1

### 1st or 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Sept 1, 8	Oct 6, 13	Nov 3, 7
Dec 1, 8	Jan 5, 12	Feb 2, 9
Mar 2, 9	May 4, 11	

*Note - Feb Sunday session was moved to Jan. due to schedule conflict.*

## More faith formation opportunities!

### Living Christ Retreats:

Sept 16-18	Oct 21-23	Nov 18-20
Jan 20-22	Jan 26-26	Mar 17-19
May 5-7		

### Enrichment Sessions:

Oct 18	Nov 15	Dec 20
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# Generations of Faith



# New Beginnings...



## 2010-2011

## What's "New" about "New Beginnings"?

### Coaching...

Our Generations of Faith process is great at getting adults to take up the task of life-long faith formation and bringing the generations together. We will focus on "coaching" parents and "partnering" with them to form their children. We want our parish to serve as the communal setting for this formation to happen; as well as the ultimate go-to resource for parents.

### Living Christ Retreats...

We will also offer several mini-retreats to re-light the fire of faith in our parishioners. All adults are invited to have this retreat experience and strengthen their relationship with Jesus.

### Enrichment...

Another new offering will be mid-month enrichment sessions. These will be for families looking for formation opportunities in addition to our monthly Generations of Faith sessions

### This Years Theme is "The Church Year"...

We will be exploring the liturgical seasons, colors, numbers, and symbols.

### We begin in September...

Our first gathering will begin one month earlier - in **September**. Our last session is in April.

## NEW BEGINNINGS...

! Great things about Generations of Faith! !

Generations of Faith meets once per month.

Experience the rhythm of the church year.

Sharing a meal with friends and family.

Learning with others and deepening relationships.

Learning by experience, as well as by word.

Great take home activities.

Everyone learns about Jesus.



What do we do at Generations of Faith?

We begin with a **MEAL**

**PRAYER**

**Opening Session for All Ages**

**Break into Groups by Age**

**Close with Sharing and Prayer**

**Take Home Kits**



### Expectations...

Parents are expected to attend sessions with their child or teen.

Parents and children/teens are expected to attend Generations of Faith the year before and the year of preparation for sacraments.

