

# Seasons of Faith Schedule

## Summer 2021

### Lifelong, Intergenerational Faith Exploration

## A Summer of Saints

Give yourself a faithlift this summer!

Join us for these great opportunities to grow your faith.

Choose any course from our five topics.

Still have questions? Join us for one of our virtual Open Houses on Tuesday May 4th or 18th at 7pm. To get the link, contact Laura Countryman at [faithformation@hsceg.org](mailto:faithformation@hsceg.org).

**Walking With the Spirit.** Join us as we walk with some of the saints of summer. We will gather virtually on Sundays at 6:30pm.

- May 16th—St. Francis, St. Charles Lwanga, St. Junipero Serra and Servant of God Carlo Acutis.
- July 11th—St. Mary Magdalene, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

**Reflect and Renew.** Our mini-retreats are designed to reflect on our faith and renew our soul. We will gather in the garden by the church on Thursdays at 6:30pm. Bring your own lawn chair. If it rains, we will gather virtually.

- 5/27—Pentecost and the Pandemic. (Thomas Merton, Sts. Peter & Paul)
- 7/15—Saints of July. (St. Mary Magdalene, St. Kateri, St. Martha, St. Bridget, St. Maria Goretti, St. Bridget of Sweden)
- 8/19—Saints of August. (St. Rose of Lima, St. Monica, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, St. Jane Frances de Chantel)

**Words of Wisdom Book Group.** We continue our exploration of Pope Francis' encyclical; *Fratelli Tutti—on Fraternity and Social Friendship*. We will gather virtually on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. New participants are always welcome.

- June 9th—chapter 4: A Heart Open to the Whole World
- July 7th—chapter 5: A Better Kind of Politics
- August 11th—chapter 6: Dialogue and Friendship in Society

**Open Wide Our Hearts.** Join our continuing conversation on the USCCB's document on racism. We will gather virtually on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

- 5/26
- 6/23
- 7/21

**Simply Scripture.** Reflecting on the readings before Sunday's liturgy. We will gather virtually on Thursdays at 6:30pm.

- 5/6—6th Sunday of Easter
- 5/20—Pentecost
- 6/3—Body & Blood of Christ
- 6/17—12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 7/8—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8/5—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8/26—22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

See the other side for family information.

We invite you to participate in any of our Seasons of Faith virtual gatherings.

Take one course, or many.  
The choice is yours.

SUMMER

## Bringing Faith to Life

Seasons of Faith is lifelong, intergenerational faith exploration.

### Registration Information:

[www.holyspiritchurcheg.weebly.com](http://www.holyspiritchurcheg.weebly.com) to register online.

Register by email by contacting Laura Countryman at [faithformation@hsceg.org](mailto:faithformation@hsceg.org)

**Registration is required.** Each course will have its own zoom code and will be emailed to all registrants.

### Summer Season Fee Schedule:

Seasons of Faith tuition for the Summer 2021 Season is \$5 per household.

Checks can be mailed to the Parish Office.

Payment can also be placed in the offertory collection at Mass, to the attention of faith formation.

E-giving now has faith formation as an option.

If you wish to use e-giving with a credit card instead of your checking account, we are charged a fee for processing. Please adjust the fee to \$6, thank you.



# Parent/Guardian Information

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### Parents and Guardians:

The family is the most basic foundation of the church. Seasons of Faith is our lifelong, intergenerational faith exploration process for families. As parents and guardians, you are the most important influence on your child's faith. We at Holy Spirit are here to partner with you on this faith journey. Families are pulled in many different directions, so we have designed Seasons of Faith for families to attend together.

For families with younger children, we recommend the Church Life courses. As your children get older, you can begin to choose from any of our Seasons of Faith course offerings. If your family has a wider age range, we would be happy to work with you to come up with a plan that best fits your family situation. We recommend that your family begin Seasons of Faith by age five and continue throughout their childhood and adolescence. Families that explore faith together experience many benefits. Therefore, for all Seasons of Faith and sacramental discernment events, either in person or virtual, it is vital that they are attended by parents and guardians along with their children.

We will have a virtual open house on Tuesday May 4th & 18th at 7pm for anyone to drop in virtually and ask any questions. Send me an email and I will forward the link. The same link will be used for both evenings. I hope to see you there!

I look forward to accompanying your family on your faith journey at Holy Spirit. If you have any questions, please contact me at [faithformation@hsceg.org](mailto:faithformation@hsceg.org).

Peace be with you,  
 Laura Countryman  
 Pastoral Associate for Lifelong Faith

All children and teens are required to complete a project related to their courses or a family service project each season. Summer Season projects will be due by August 15th.

**Church Life.** These courses are designed for young families. We explore lives of the saints, the feasts and seasons of the liturgical year, prayer, and other aspects of church life. Family Night is a shorter gathering where families have the opportunity to share their projects. We will gather virtually on Sundays or Mondays at 6:30pm. Choose the evening that works best for your family

- May 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>—We are Easter people, and faith doesn't take a vacation. → Family Night: August 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>
- July 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>—Summer Saints → Family Night: August 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>

**Sacramental Discernment** is an important time in your family's faith journey. We look forward to walking with your family during this process.

**Confirmation Discernment:** begins during the Summer Season with a fall celebration of Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Pre-requisites:**

- Nine - Walking with the Spirit courses
- Two - Reflect and Renew courses
- Three - Simply Scripture courses
- One - other course or independent study
- Five - Youth council gatherings (beginning Fall 2021)

**Requirements:** Candidates must be at least in 10th grade

**Reconciliation and Eucharist Discernment** begins during the Fall Season.

**Pre-requisites:** nine prior Church Life courses

**Requirements:** Candidates must be at least seven years of age by November 1st.

**"discernment** is a decision-making process that honors the place of God's will in our lives."

Joe Paprocki for Loyola Press. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/ignatian-spirituality/discernment/discernment-making-inspired-choices/>

- Am I ready?
- Is this the right time?
- Is the family ready at this time?

Once candidates have completed the pre-requisites and met the requirements, the discernment process can begin for Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation. This will include a family meeting with Fr. Vo along with retreats and virtual gatherings. Contact Laura Countryman to begin the process.