

JOIN US...

Journey of Faith is designed for everyone - not just parents of children in the program.

All adults - single, married, parents, empty-nesters, college students, retirees - are invited to come to our adult sessions once a month.

We utilize discussion, hands on learning, prayer, presentation and multimedia as we reflect on our faith together.

While adults are gathered, children and youth meet in grade level classes to learn about a similar topic.

Registration forms are available at both the Becker and Big Lake locations and on our website.

Come check it out - you are welcome at any session!!

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2014-2015 SCHEDULE

Becker Session 1 – 5:00-6:30

Oct. 1	Feb. 4
Nov. 5	Mar. 4
Dec. 3	Apr. 8
Jan. 7	

Becker Session 2 – 7:00-8:30

Oct. 1	Feb. 4
Nov. 5	Mar. 4
Dec. 3	Apr. 8
Jan. 7	

Becker Session 3 – 6:30-8:00

Oct. 8	Feb. 11
Nov. 12	Mar. 11
Dec. 10	Apr. 15
Jan. 14	

Big Lake Session 1 – 6:30-8:00

Oct. 1	Feb. 4
Nov. 5	Mar. 4
Dec. 3	Apr. 8
Jan. 7	

Big Lake Session 2 – 9:30-11:00

Oct. 4	Feb. 7	(Sat)
Nov. 8	Mar. 7	
Dec. 6	Apr. 11	
Jan. 10		

Big Lake Session 3 – 6:30-8:00

Oct. 8	Feb. 11
Nov. 12	Mar. 11
Dec. 10	Apr. 15
Jan. 14	

* **Kick-Off Celebration**
September 17, 6:30 in Becker

* **End of Year Celebration**
April 29, 6:30 in Big Lake



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CELEBRATE
THE MASS

SEPTEMBER

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

Our year of faith formation will kick off with a celebration. We all gather together on Wednesday, September 17 to celebrate the beginning of another year of growing in faith together.

OCTOBER

CELEBRATE THE WORD

As Holy Scripture is proclaimed, we encounter the living word of God. Each of the three lectionary cycles offers distinct insights into our lives of faith. In this session we also begin reflecting on the role of the sacred writings of the Bible throughout the Mass.

NOVEMBER

CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST

The source and summit of our faith, the Eucharist nurtures our relationship with Christ and sustains us for a life of discipleship. In this session, we enrich our understanding of the Eucharist and how God is made present in the person of Christ through the working of the Holy Spirit.

DECEMBER

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

Happy New Year! We celebrate a new liturgical year with the start of Advent. During this intergenerational session, we gather families together to reflect on the liturgical year, focusing specifically on the season of Advent and the incarnation of our Savior Jesus Christ.



JANUARY

CELEBRATE THE SACRIFICE

In Mass we offer all that we have, recognizing our dependence on God...a dependence that frees us to live a life of abundant joy. In this sacrifice, we recognize the great mystery of our faith – death leads to new life; giving up leads to blessings.

FEBRUARY

CELEBRATE THE CHALLENGE

During the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass, we pause to reflect on our sins and pray for God's mercy. The penitential season of Lent challenges us even deeper into reflection. The three practices of Lent – Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving – help us empty ourselves to receive mercy and love from God.

MARCH

CELEBRATE THE CHANGE

Holy week is just around the corner. During this high point of the liturgical year, we enter into Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. This is a time of rich liturgical celebrations, including the institution of the Eucharist – bread and wine transformed into Christ's Body and Blood.

APRIL

CELEBRATE THE CALL

We are called, just as the first disciples, to bring the message of the risen Christ to the world. We are sent from Mass to "go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." How do we live that call to preach the Good News...to be Christ for others?