

8th Grade Mini-Course Descriptions for 2022-2023

Fall/Winter 2022

Session 1: You've Got a Friend in Me

Do you consider Jesus your friend? When it comes to being a good friend, and choosing good friends – Jesus is the perfect example. This course will look at what Jesus teaches us about friendship to see what messages teens can find on guiding and building their own relationships.

Sundays 6:30 – 8:00pm
October 2, October 9, October 16, October 23

Session 2: Parables of Jesus

Jesus often used parables (short, simple stories) to teach important spiritual truths. This mini-course will review some familiar parables and introduce participants to some of the less familiar parables.

Using a variety of resources: scripture, video, audio, games and more; teens will break open the parables to learn how the lessons can be applied in their lives today.

Wednesdays 7:00-8:30pm
October 12, October 19, October 26,
November 2

Session 3: I Believe: Understanding the Creed

Before you can decide whether or not you call yourself “Catholic” it is important to understand exactly what Catholics believe. This course will break down the Creed and look more closely at exactly what Catholics believe.

Mondays 7:00-8:30pm
November 28, December 5, December 12,
December 19

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Session 4: Exploring the Sacraments

This mini-course will offer teens an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the Sacraments. The course will include exploring the Rites of the Sacraments as well as the signs and symbols used by the Church in Sacramental celebrations.

Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30pm
January 18, January 25, February 1,
February 8

Session 5: Not all Fruits Grow on Trees

When we are open to the Holy Spirit, we can grow as followers of Jesus. We see the effect of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives in special qualities and attitudes that we develop as we grow in faith and in our daily lives—these are called the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Sundays 6:30 – 8:00pm
March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26

Session 6: Miracles of Jesus

Some of the most memorable depictions of Jesus revolve around the miracles that He performed. Participants will examine the scripture of Jesus' Miracles and view video retellings of the Miracles to learn more about Jesus and to be inspired to follow His example.

Mondays 7:00-8:30pm
March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3

Safe Environment Training (required annually) – Additional Information about this Training will be coming. There will be a series of dates for youth to select from to complete the training.