

Christ Our Hope Faith Formation

March Newsletter

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Ash Wednesday (March 6) Masses: 8:45 at Holy Trinity, Noon at St. Luke, 6:00 PM at Mt. Carmel (Families are encouraged to attend together).

NCYC Appeal for Support to Parishioners:

We are very excited to have 20 people from our cluster attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in November 2019.

Students will be visiting with parishioners at each of the Masses in March to ask for your financial assistance for this great opportunity. We need to raise \$12,700.

Donations can also be sent to the COH faith formation office at P.O. Box 119, Lawler, IA 52154.

A Biblical Walk through the Mass:

Join Cathy Humpal Fridays in March at 9:30 at the faith formation office for a special study about the connections between the Mass and scripture. Dive deep through readings and a video series by Dr. Edward Sri to discover the biblical roots of the mass. The first session is March 1.

Make-up Sessions for Cancelled Journey with Christ Sessions

Due to winter weather we have had to cancel two JwC sessions this year. We will make up those classes using programs we already had planned.

K-5th: Rosary session on March 31 from 4-5 PM at OLMC

6-11th: Digital Empowerment for Teens: March 28 from 6-8 PM at OLMC

These sessions are designed for families. **Students must be accompanied by parents** for both of these sessions as there will not be teachers present.

Family Movie Night

Join us Saturday evening, April 6 for popcorn and a great movie for lent:
The Prince of Egypt.

This 1998 Dreamworks Animation film is an animated retelling of Moses's life from a Prince of Egypt to the leader of God's chosen people.

More details coming soon

The Rosary: What is it, how to pray it, and the Mysteries!

Whole Family Session #3, March 31 from 4-5 PM at OLMC

The Rosary is a powerful symbol of our Catholic faith. It is a fantastic form of prayer with a deep history. Come to learn more about how to pray the rosary as a family, its history, and more about the mysteries of the rosary. This session is for families to attend together, or for any parishioners wishing to know more about the rosary or sharing their devotion to the rosary with others.

March/April Calendar

- Mar. 3: K-6th JWC & Confirmation 12:30-2
- Mar. 6: JWC: Ash Wednesday Mass.
- Mar. 10: CGS 9:30
- Mar. 13: Confirmation class 6-8:30
1st Comm SP 5:30-6:30
- Mar. 17: K-6th JWC & Confirmation
- Mar. 20: 7-11th JWC 6-7:30
1st Comm SP 5:30-6:30
- March 27: Confirmation 6-7:30
1st Comm SP 5:30-6:30
- March 28: Digital Empowerment 6-8 at OLMC for 6th & up and Parents
- March 31: CGS, Rosary Session 4-5
- Apr. 3: Confirmation Mass 7:00 HT
- Apr. 6: 1st Comm. Retreat 9-Noon
Family Movie Night 6-7:45
- Apr. 7: CGS 8:30, K-6th JWC 12:30-2:00
- Apr. 10: 1st Comm SP 5:30-6:30
7-11th JWC 6-7:30
- Apr. 14-16: Mission Speaker

Empowering teens to make smart online choices: We are very excited to bring Scott Frank to the cluster on Thursday, March 28 from 6-8 PM at OLMC in Lawler. Mr. Frank is a former officer with the Internet Crimes Against Children taskforce. He will be speaking to students in 6th grade and older and their parents about the reality of the online world, his experience on the taskforce posing as an 11 year old to catch online predators, and give practical suggestions on how to empower teens to be safe online. Students must be accompanied by parents.

FR. AARON WILL LEAD 2 LENTEN SERIES FOR ADULTS.

Watch the bulletin for more details on both series.

Israel: The 5th Gospel Israel is often referred to as the 5th Gospel. Having recently traveled to Israel, Fr. Aaron will share pictures and his experiences with the audience. Come to see where Jesus lived and walked and leave with a deeper understanding of the Gospels. March 10 (St. John 5-6PM), March 17 (SMW 12:45-1:45), March 24 (ABVM 5-6) & March 31 (OLMC 12:45-1:45).

Into His Likeness Book Study: Fr. Aaron will lead a weekly book study on Wednesdays during Lent from 6:15-7:15 PM. March 13, 20, 27 & April 10, 24. Please contact Fr. Aaron if you are interested, and to obtain a book for the study.

Abbreviation Key:

JwC: Journey with Christ

CGS: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.