

# **Youth Ministry Grades 7-9 Mini Course Schedule 2023-2024**

**All courses are from 10:10-11:20am in the Parish Center**

**Directions:** Choose *TWO* Courses from your Grade Level

## **FALL SESSION: September 10, 17, 24, October 15, 2023**

**Grade 7-Who is Jesus?** with Eileen Reese, Room 308

**Grade 8 -What we Believe-the Creed** with Maria Forbes, Room 304

**Grade 9 -Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures-** with Deacon Brian Levine, Room 302

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## **WINTER SESSION: January 7, 21, 28, February 4, 2024**

**Grade 7- The Church and the Mass** with Christy Lill, Room 308

**Grade 8 -Being Catholic 101** with Patrick Montuori, Room 304

**Grade 9 -An Introduction to Prayer** with Maria Forbes, Room 302

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## **SPRING SESSION: March 3, 10, 17, 24,2024**

**Grade 7- The Bible and how to read it** with Catechist TBA Room 308

**Grade 8-Mary and the Saints** with Catechist TBA, Room 304

**Grade 9 -Morality and Life Decisions** with Catechist TBA, Room 302

(see course description on the reverse)

### **Grade 7 Mini Courses:**

**WHO IS JESUS?** We talk about Jesus, pray to him, see him in paintings and statues. But do we know anything about him? Was he really a person like us? Is he God? In this course, we will explore what is happened during the life of Jesus, why it is important to us today, and find out why his life continues to impact the world.

**THE CHURCH AND THE MASS:** Ever sit in Mass and wonder-Why do we do that? Why does the priest say or do that? What is that thing? Our faith is loaded with objects, traditions, and words that you will only find in a Catholic Mass or Church. This course goes behind the scenes of the church and the mass to learn what all those things mean, and why we do what we do--all those traditions that make us uniquely CATHOLIC!

**THE BIBLE AND HOW TO READ IT:** In this course, we will crack open the Bible and really get comfortable using it! How is it set up? Where are the different sections? How do I find a particular chapter and verse? Plus, we will learn a little about where it came from, why the Catholic Bible is different from all others (!), and figure out why and how we can use it in our daily lives.

### **Grade 8 Mini Courses:**

**WHAT WE BELIEVE-THE CREED:** We say it every week in Church, but do we really know what we are saying, or why? And why are there two Creeds? What is the difference? Learn this and more as we explore one of the foundations of what it means to say "I am Catholic".

**BEING CATHOLIC 101:** Most of us came into the Catholic faith as infants, so why do we do what we do? Our faith is rich in scripture, prayer, and traditions - but do we really know what they mean, and what makes us different from other Christian traditions? This course explores some of our basic "Catholicity" and celebrates why it is awesome to be Catholic in the world today.

**MARY AND THE SAINTS:** So, if Mary was born without sin, and all those other people are saints-there is no way we can be like them, right? WRONG! The people who became Saints were regular people like you and me, many of them were really flawed! We are all called to live holy lives, so let's learn about what made these people change, and let's learn about how we are on the road to being saints too.

### **Grade 9 Mini Courses:**

**OLD TESTAMENT: HEBREW SCRIPTURES:** The first half of the Bible is full of stories, people and history that are not only interesting, but directly affect our salvation history and the coming of Jesus as the Messiah. This course will be a basic overview of the structure of the Old Testament, and familiarize participants with its importance on our faith today.

**AN INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER:** Prayer can be an overwhelming idea. Many of us want to pray but worry that we are not "doing it right" or saying the wrong thing. This course will introduce you to the many varied types of prayer and how the beauty of praying is the relationship gained between you and God!

**MORALITY AND LIFE DECISIONS:** Life's decisions don't always seem as simple as black and white. Fortunately, you're not alone in your epic search for right and wrong, happiness, and the meaning of life. In this class we'll break down ancient teachings of the church and try to apply them to our daily lives in the 21st century.