

## Seventh Grade Youth Faith Formation Schedule 2016 - 17

- Sept. 14 Welcoming Faith Formation Mass for All, 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Worship Space*)  
Sept. 21 Small Group Chapter 19, “The Gospels” (*meeting arranged by small groups*)  
Sept. 21 Special Theology of the Body Presentation for Parents, 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Worship Space*)  
*PARENTS MAY PARTICIPATE WEDNESDAY OR SUNDAY EVENING*  
Sept. 25 Special Theology of the Body Presentation for Parents, 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Worship Space*)  
Sept. 28 Large Group Presentation Chapter 20, “Acts of the Apostles” 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Gym*)  
Oct. 5 Small Group Chapter 21, “The Letters” (*meeting arranged by small groups*)  
Oct. 12 Special Family Presentation with Jeff Cavins, 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Worship Space*)  
Oct. 19 – Off, MEA Break  
\*Oct. 26 Family Discussion Night, Chapter 22, “Mission of the Church” (*at home lesson*)  
Nov. 2 Theology of the Body Speaker Presentation, 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Cafeteria*)  
Nov. 9 Small Group Chapter 23, “Church Structure” (*meeting arranged by small groups*)  
Nov. 16 Large Group Presentation Chapter 24, “End Things” 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Gym*)  
Nov. 23 – Off, Thanksgiving Break  
Nov. 30 Family Discussion Night, Chapter 25, “Saints and Mary” (*at home lesson*)  
Dec. 7 Faith Formation Family Mass, 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Worship Space*)  
Dec. 14 Small Group Chapter 26, “Worshipping God” (*meeting arranged by small groups*)  
Dec. 21 Family Discussion Night, Chapter 27 “Into to the Liturgy” (*at home lesson*)  
Dec. 28 Off, Christmas Break  
Jan. 4 Small Group Chapter 28, “Sacraments” (*meeting arranged by small groups*)  
Jan. 11 Service Project Night to Feed My Starving Children (*bus provided, times TBD*)  
Jan. 18 Large Group Presentation Chapter 29, “Eucharist” 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Gym*)  
\*Jan. 25 Family Discussion on Chapter 30, “Liturgy of the Word” (*at home lesson*)  
Feb. 1 Small Group Chapter 31, “Liturgy of Eucharist” (*meeting arranged by small groups*)  
Feb. 8: Family Night w/speaker Deacon Poyo 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Worship Space*)  
Feb. 15 Teaching Mass 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Worship Space*)  
Feb. 22 Small Group Chapter 32, “Sending Forth” (*meeting arranged by small groups*)  
Mar. 1 Ash Wednesday Mass 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Worship Space*)  
Mar. 8 Family Discussion Chapter 33, “Baptism” (*at home lesson*)  
Mar. 15 Lenten Reconciliation Service (*times TBD*)  
Mar. 22 Large Group Presentation Chapter 34, “Confirmation” 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Gym*)  
Mar. 29 Family Discussion Chapter 35, “Sacraments of Healing” (*at home lesson*)  
Apr. 5 Small Group Chapter 36, “Vocation Sacraments” (*meeting arranged by small groups*)  
Apr. 12 Family Discussion on Holy Week and “God Where Are You?” (*at home lesson*)  
Apr. 19 – Family Night w/speaker Jeff Cavins 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Worship Space*)  
Apr. 26 Small Group, “Dealing With Peer Pressure” (*meeting arranged by small groups*)  
May 3 Closing Faith Formation Mass for All 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Worship Space*)  
May 10 (*Small groups should meet sometime in May for a service project*)

\* Small Group Leader’s Gathering 6:30 – 7:30pm Worship Space



## Church of St. Andrew Seventh Grade Faith Formation Overview

Seventh Grade Faith Formation at St. Andrew's first begins with a study of the New Testament, starting with the Gospels as God's Good News of God's Revelation. Young people will discover the similarities and differences in the four Gospels as portraits of Jesus. The study of the New Testament continues into Acts of the Apostles featuring Pentecost followed by the works of St. Peter and St. Paul as the Catholic Christian Church begins. Young people will study the primary purpose and themes of the Letters of the Bible and how these formulated the ideals of the Church.

Transitioning from a study of the New Testament and into a focus on Church, young people will discover the mission, structure, and marks of the Church along with our role of being priest, prophet and king within the Church. The initial study of Church concludes with examining the End Things teachings followed by a discussion on the role of Mary and the Saints within Catholicism.

The final topics of study deal with our need for worship and the purpose of Catholic Liturgy. Young people will then begin a study of Catholic Sacraments beginning with an extensive examination of the Eucharist as the 'source and summit' of our Catholic Christian lives. Following this young people will complete their study of sacraments by learning more about Baptism and Confirmation as other Sacraments of Initiation. Seventh graders will also understand more about the Sacraments of Service through discussing Matrimony and Holy Orders as well as the Sacraments of Healing by examining Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

There are two other supplemental lessons included in the seventh grade study which young people will find helpful. In "God Where Are You?" young people will realize that our God is not hidden but present to us in many ways. In the final gathering of the year young people will discuss Peer Pressure, and how this can be both a positive and negative influence in our lives.

