

**Eighth Grade Youth Faith Formation Schedule 2016 - 17**  
**(Updated February 15)**

- Feb. 15 Small Group, "Respecting Life" *(meeting arranged by small groups)*
- Feb. 22 Large Group, "Working For Justice" 6:30 - 7:30pm *(Gym)*
- Mar. 1 Ash Wednesday Mass 6:30 - 7:30pm *(Worship Space)*
- Mar. 8 Small Group, "Respecting Truth" *(meeting arranged by small groups)*
- Mar. 15 Lenten Reconciliation Service *(times TBD)*
- Mar. 22 Family Discussion, "Using Technology" *(at home lesson)*
- Mar. 29 Special Speaker Presentation on Suicide Prevention, 6:30 - 7:30pm *(Worship Space)*
- Apr. 5 Small Group, "Respecting Sexuality" *(meeting arranged by small groups)*
- Apr. 12 Family Discussion Night, "Using Money" and Holy Week *(at home lesson)*
- Apr. 19 - Family Night w/speaker Jeff Cavins 6:30 - 7:30pm *(Worship Space)*
- Apr. 26 Small Group, "God's Goal For Us" *(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 Eighth Grade Faith Formation Overview

Eighth Grade Faith Formation begins with a thorough study of the Liturgy of the Eucharist including the need for worship especially through the Catholic Sacraments. Young people will appreciate how the symbols in Liturgy help to make the abstract more concrete, and then concentrate on the Sunday Liturgy. This includes an appreciation of Jesus Christ as the Paschal Lamb, the role of the assembly at Mass along with examining the Mass parts and our responses, leading to a deeper understanding of transubstantiation and how taking Christ inside of us calls us to be Christ for others.

The second half of the year features a focus on morality and making decisions consistent with Catholic Christian discipleship. This begins with a study of what sin is and how to find guidance in making good decisions. Honoring God through practicing the first three commandments is addressed which leads to honoring family, respecting all life and respecting the truth. Young people will also explore Catholic Church Teachings in the area of human sexuality which will help them to further develop a pure heart. Finally, young people will discover more about Catholic Social Justice and how we are called to create the Kingdom of God on Earth.

