



FAITH FORMATION NEWSLETTER



November 2025

Dear St John's Parishioners,

As we enter November, let's not forget October's devotion to praying the Rosary while we also turn our thoughts and prayers to the Saints in Heaven and the Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially our loved ones who have gone before us. I encourage you to scan the QR code and read the article entitled, "Praying during Hallowtide", written by Monica Pugh from this month's Catholic Mirror. Monica does a nice job in describing the three-day Hallowtidewhen we focus on the Communion of Saints (all of us). Monica's article is really quite good for describing and setting the tone for the month of November. She describes the Communion of Saints as the Church Triumphant - those in Heaven, the Church Penitent - those being purified in Purgatory, and the Church Militant - those of us still here on earth "fighting the good fight, finishing the race, keeping the faith" (referencing St Paul 2Tim4:7). It's so important for us to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and our thoughts should be on these topics all month and all the time. Life is short, eternity is long, and life should be lived in light of eternity with God as our end-goal. For references and a clearer understanding of Purgatory, I strongly encourage you to see the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 1030-1032, 1Corinthians 3:10-15, Matthew 12:32, 2Timothy 1:18, Daniel 12:10, and 2Maccabees 12:43-46.



Faith for All...

Our formation in the Catholic faith should be constant throughout our lives. Please see the bulletin, the website, and network with your fellow parishioners to learn about faith formation happenings and activities for all ages at St John's. Here are some examples and highlights:

- Our bulletin provides daily readings to pray and meditate on, as well as information about Eucharistic Adoration, Sacramental preparation, Reconciliation times, and other important information. Please read the bulletin weekly!
- Congratulations to our students and families who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, Oct 19. Please continue to pray for them and all of our youth and families to be open to the Holy Spirit for life-long commitment to Christ and the faith.
- On Wednesdays, we have nearly 250 K-12 students in our programs. Thanks to our Catechists and Parents for all you do with our young people!
- Our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) program continues to meet and grow in the faith. We have 8 Inquirers in this year's program. Please keep them and our team of catechists in your prayers.
- Our Adult Faith Formation Committee is busy with planning activities related to the FIRE grant monies received, as well as ongoing programs in Bible/Scripture Study, book club, and other opportunities. The committee has initiated conversations about developing and providing adult faith formation



Faith Formation Children Pray the Rosary in the Memorial Garden on Oct. 15th.

opportunities during our Wednesday evening faith formation classes. If you have interest and ideas to share, please send an email, give a call, or stop by the office for **Ed Anderson** re@stjohnsadel.org or 993-4590.

- Our parish Safety Committee is actively updating our programs for all things safety and security, including severe weather, fire, accidents and medical issues, intruder protection, and the safety and security of everyone who attends Mass, faith formation, and other events and gatherings. We are in good hands and your continued prayers are efficacious in keeping us in God's protective care.

