

Our Lady Queen of Peace

7th grade Religious Education preliminary calendar for 2024-2025

All Classes are 12:30–2pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

(topics on a particular day may change due to availability of speakers.)

Regular class sessions are in **black**, parent & family class sessions are in **green**.

Sunday, October 6 –Who are you....and where is your faith....?

We'll discuss contemporary literature, music, TV, film that has a spiritual message...

And in doing that, we'll take a look at what it means to be Catholic, how we pray, how we live, what we believe etc. And it may be the one day of the year we give you homework!

Sunday, October 20 – Who are you....and how did we get here?

Together we will take a look at Our Beginings – at OUR Salvation History and our Sacred Stories.....

Sunday, November 3 – Learning the Words of Faith

So – the Nicene Creed (which was written at the Council of Nicea back in 325AD) - which we say in Mass, is filled with some pretty big words. In fact the church loves big words.... Transubstantiation, Kerygma, Consubstantial... Do you know where the other words in the Mass come from? Do you know what they mean? Come find out.....

Sunday, November 10 – Living your Circle of Grace – Because we believe in Protecting God's Children

Knowing that each of our young people is a precious and beloved child of God, the church wants you to stay safe and strong and the new Safe Environment program, "Circle of Grace" wants to give you tools to help. Watch for more information on this new Diocesan program AND on a session we plan to offer parents during Faith Formation on the same topic....

Sunday November 17 Living our Catholicism

"Christ leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others."

---Pope Francis via twitter, June 1, 2013

Weather permitting, we will visit the Catholic Multicultural Center. We will take the food from our monthly food drive over, get a tour, and get a hint of what the Saturday, March 17 class (yup, Saturday), will be doing! This class is certainly open to parents who would also like to visit the CMC. What better way to celebrate Thanksgiving week?

Sunday, December 1 – Everything you always wanted to know about Christmas – & WHY

What does Christmas mean? What did the first Christmas mean to Mary and Joseph – and their friends??? Why gifts at Christmas? Who brought the first gifts? And what does Linus have to say about it all?

Sunday, December 8: An extra invitation

On December 3, 2023 all families are invited to the State Capitol for the

Capitol Christmas Pageant featuring students from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish.

Performances are at 4pm and 5:15pm in the Capitol Rotunda.

Sunday, December 15 A Reconciliation Service for 7,8 & 9th graders & their families

Parents and other family members are especially welcome....

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Sunday, January 5 – Nicene Creed – who do we believe God is?

Back in November we looked up some important words in the Catholic Faith. Some of them are from the Nicene Creed....that prayer we all say together during Sunday Mass... (It's the prayer I dare you to try and recite alone – the prayer that is so much easier to say in community....) We'll take several sessions – and talk about this central prayer of our faith; one of the 4 pillars of the Catechism. And we will do that by watching the Creed emerge from the Bible DVD series! (Yup – we'll provide the popcorn for movie days....)

Sunday, January 19 – Nicene Creed – who do we believe Jesus was – and is?

How can we celebrate the Mass if we don't know who Jesus was – and more importantly – who he is? And how do we get to know who Jesus is? Come get to know Jesus' story – and maybe even take some time getting to know him in prayer.....

Sunday, February 2 – Nicene Creed – 100% human, 100% Divine.

We will take some time to examine Jesus' suffering, death and Resurrection. And we will also talk about the Mass – and why our Tabernacle is so important!!!

Sunday, February 16 – Nicene Creed – who/what do we believe the Holy Spirit is?

Hmmmm. The Holy Spirit – dove? Flame? Wind? 7 gifts? All of the above! And how did the Holy Spirit help the Apostles share the faith? AND – how can the Holy Spirit help us live OUR faith?

Sunday, March 2 – The Season of Lent

Let's talk about Lent – (psssst.....it's more than just not eating meat on Fridays.....) We will also pray the Stations of the Cross during this session. Parents are very welcome to join us for the Stations of the Cross in particular!

Saturday, March 15 – Feed My Sheep

A day of Service – living out Matthew 25

Sunday, March 16 – Putting it all together by learning the Creed in a new way

Think that by this point you know the Creed? Let's find out – do you know it well enough to learn it in Sign Language?

Sunday, March 30 – From Lent into Easter

Let's talk about the week that changed EVERYTHING.....

Sunday, April 6– Reconciliation Service especially for our Religious Education Family

Parents and other family members are especially welcome

Sunday, April 27 – A celebration to honor Easter & the end of the RE year!

You don't want to miss this last class!

It will truly be a celebration of the Easter season!