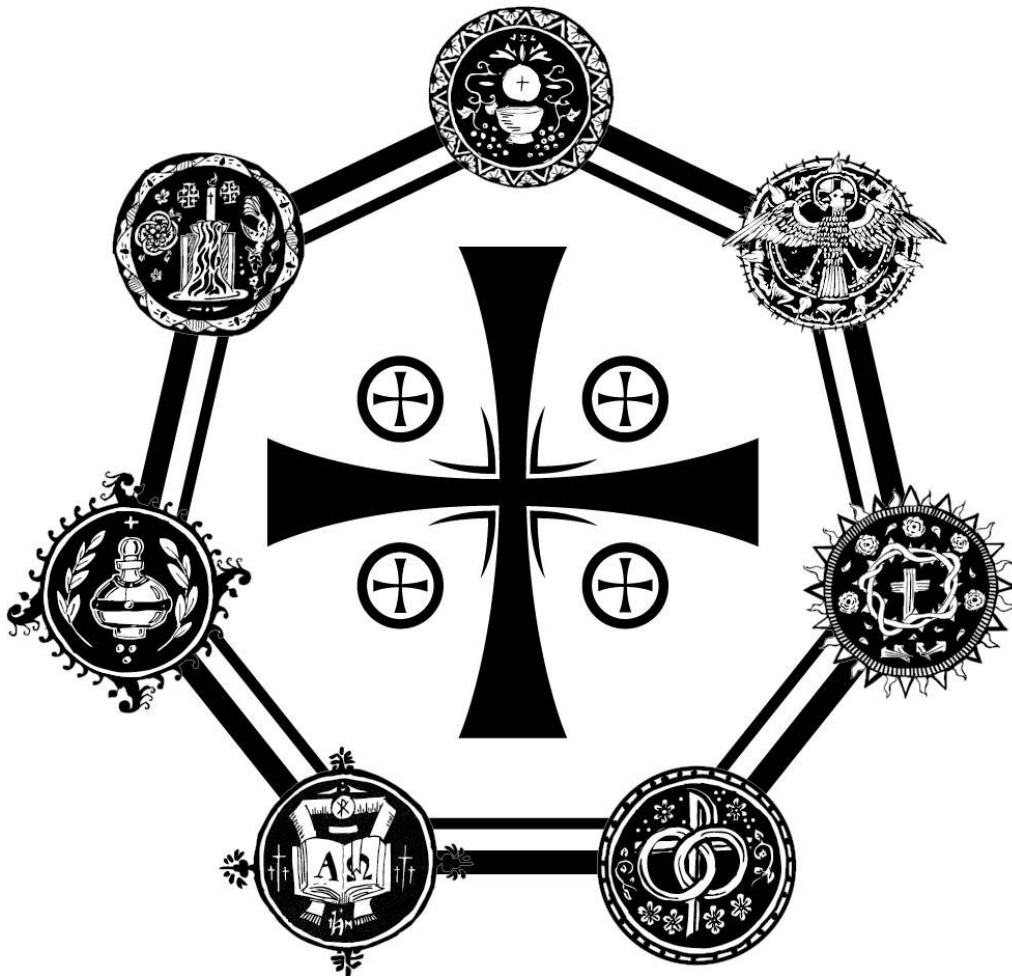


Saint Isidore
CATHOLIC CHURCH

2016/2017 WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT
PROGRAM OFFERINGS

INCLUDING:

- Wednesday Night Out Information & Registration
- Other Children's Faith Formation Opportunities



WE BEGIN AGAIN!

We begin again – our EIGHTH year!

Preparations have been underway as we look forward to a new year of learning, praying, growing in faith and in holiness together. Every parish endeavor is *powered by the pews* – all that is done depends on the entire parish family putting its resources in service to others within the Church, allowing God to do through us what we cannot do alone! This is the beauty and the challenge of each new year. Nothing would happen unless YOU continue to volunteer, to pitch in, to make suggestions, and to help make our parish Faith Formation programs even BETTER! *Wednesday Night Out* is the biggest Faith Formation event we hold each week, but it's not the only one; there are many activities for your participation! Our hope is that there is something for everyone.

We've taken your suggestions and our experience from the last SEVEN years of Wednesday Night Out and made some adjustments to make our offerings more focused, more practical, more fruitful. The family spirit and cooperation that are built up by gathering regularly to share a meal and learn together have contributed to the light that shines from this parish as a beacon on the hill.

There are several things to highlight this year, including:

Children's Choir. Our parish will again be offering an opportunity to participate in a Children's Choir, which will sing at Christmas and Easter. Rehearsals will take place BEFORE WNO, at 5:30.

CHRISM (Christ Is Risen – I am Sent on Mission). Our CHRISM initiative caught the attention of the Koch Foundation and has been blessed with a **\$10,000** grant to Year Three of CHRISM, focusing on missionary outreach and the New Evangelization (Year 1 was learning; Year 2 was discerning; Year 3 will be burning!). Offerings on Wednesday evenings and other times will focus on ways to fulfill Jesus' mandate to preach the Good News, and on helping draw our neighbors into Truth. How will you put your personal gifts in service of others to build up the Church? Plan to participate in CHRISM!

And a few reminders:

Children in grades K-6 are picked up from their classrooms. In order to insure the safety of the children, they are sent to class by grade with their instructors from the gym. *After class, for students in grades K-6, one parent must go to the child's classroom and pick them up.* This will prevent unnecessary confusion with many classes in the gym after class.

St. Drogo's Café. Thanks to a few determined volunteers with a wonderful idea, Mystic Monk coffees and delicious pastries will again be available for purchase during WNO and at other selected events at the parish. Your support of this effort is a win-win: YOU get delicious coffee and pastries, and FAITH FORMATION gets a financial boost!

We give thanks to God for all of His blessings to this parish, and particularly the gift of a vibrant and faithful formation program, the many people that have entered the Church through our RCIA program, and your prayers and energy and participation, which have made our Faith Formation program grow and shine in a unique way, and make it a joy to serve you. Let us continue together on year EIGHT of this journey.

With many prayers for all of you, those you love, and all you do,

Kathryn

Director of Faith Formation

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

- WHO: All children; preschool through grade 8
- Our grade school students use both the Blest Are We and the Apostolate for Family Consecration's Catechism programs, which are approved by the USCCB for use in parish catechesis
- WHEN: Wednesday Night Out

YOUTH GROUP-(SPERAMUS)

- WHO: All students in High School
- Our high school youth will be studying and discussing Scripture, studying virtue, and preparing to engage in the culture by learning to defend the Faith.
- WHEN: Wednesday Night Out

CHILDREN OF MARY

- WHO: Girls ages 8-15 years
- This is a group for girls who want to grow in virtue and provide service by helping prepare for Mass and other liturgical events, in association with the parish Rosary-Altar Society
- WHEN: First Saturdays from 8:30am—10:30am

CHILDREN OF THE EUCHARIST

- WHO: Children of all ages
- This program, associated with the Children of Hope and the World Apostolate of Fatima, helps children of all ages to follow the way of the little shepherds of Fatima by teaching them five steps to holiness: 1) Making a Morning Offering, 2) Visiting and adoring Jesus in the Eucharist, 3) Entrusting themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 4) Wearing a sign of that entrustment (scapular or miraculous medal) 5) Praying the Rosary
- WHEN: First Saturdays at 9:00am

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

- WHO: Children in grades 3-8
- This program, run by our Liturgical Music Director, David Harwood, will focus on teaching children not only to sing, but to READ MUSIC, in preparation for Christmas and Easter. The Choir is intended to expand, as it can, to sing at Sunday Masses as well.
- WHEN: before WNO - dinner at 5:00, rehearsal in Meeting Room A from 5:30-6:15

CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS (CONTINUED)

CONQUEST FOR BOYS

- WHO: Boys ages 5-16 years
- ConQuest is a club to help train self-disciplined and confident Catholic leaders with integrity and a commitment to improving their communities and serving the parishes. ConQuest is sponsored by Regnum Christi: Love Christ, Serve People, Build the Church.
- WHEN: Sunday Evenings in the Parish Life Center

L.I.F.E. CHC

- WHO: Homeschooled children preschool—12th grade
- Learning, Inspiration, Faith-filled Enrichment Catholic Homeschool Cooperative. This group provides homeschooled children with various enrichment opportunities, such as gym and art. Parents are required to contribute to this cooperative
- WHEN: Fridays 9am-12pm in the Parish Life Center

TIPI LOSCHI (FRIDAY NIGHT TEEN NIGHTS)

- WHO: all teenagers
- “Tipi Loschi” was the name of a group founded by Pier Giorgio Frassati in 1924; the name means “shady characters” in Italian, and reflects the humorous nature of the gathering. All teenagers are invited to join us for our monthly “teen night” for games, movies, snacks, and fun!
- WHEN: every third Friday from 6pm- 9pm in the church Hospitality Room

YOUNG MEN’S GROUP— INVICTUS & YOUNG WOMEN’S GROUP—BENEDICTA

- WHO: Young men and young women grades 7-12
- Today, our secular society’s increasingly negative and God-less messages are being streamed out to our young people through a myriad of media platforms. In a society that encourages promiscuity, relativism, and egotism, we see the need to counter these messages with TRUTH through the lens of God’s love for each individual. INVICTUS and BENEDICTA focus on increasing virtue and fostering a strong identity in Christ in the midst of a chaotic counter-culture.
- WHEN: Wednesdays at 4:30pm (Before Wednesday Night Out Dinner)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT 2016/2017

This year, **Wednesday Night Out begins September 21st!** Wednesday Night Out is our parish-wide intergenerational faith formation gathering, beginning with dinner at 5:30; this dinner is free of charge (donations toward the following week's dinner are gratefully accepted). This is a time to visit with others as we share a meal, together with the whole family.

After announcements and prayer together, scheduled offerings begin at 6:30.

Parents, for safety reasons, we remind you that you are responsible for your children during dinner and after class, and that they cannot be in the halls or on the playground without a parent. If you are allowing your children out of the gym during these times, please supervise them.

Also, we ask that you remain on the premises during WNO. **If for some reason this is not possible, an additional Release Form must be signed for that evening.**

Please enter and exit from the main gym doors on Spring Avenue.

WNO Schedule:

5:00-5:30	Dinner for Children's Choir (Choir Practice from 5:30-6:15)
5:30-6:15	Dinner in gym
6:15-6:30	Announcements and prayer
6:30-7:30	Programs meet in designated rooms (catechists will bring students back to gym)

To help defray costs, **enrollment fees for the WNO program are \$50 per person per year, with a \$200 maximum per family.** This includes all required materials for students, but does not include any additional materials that may be optional. *While it is necessary to try to cover our expenses, our intention is not to exclude anyone because of cost; if this is a difficulty for you, let us help make alternate arrangements.*

Volunteers are always welcome to help with the many details that keep our Faith Formation program running: kitchen, catechists, clean-up!

If you have questions regarding any of our Faith Formation programs, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

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WNO FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM 2016/2017

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Number of adults enrolling in formation _____

Number of children enrolling in Formation _____

Number of children who will use the Nursery _____

(Parents/guardians of students enrolled in catechetical formation are strongly urged to participate in a weekly study group as well; only parents who are registered to attend will be allowed to leave children in the nursery.)

Total family enrollment _____

MEDICAL TREATMENT RELEASE

As legal guardian, I hereby authorize first aid/medical treatment for my child(ren) in the event of an emergency which may endanger his/her life, cause disfigurement, physical impairment, or undue discomfort if delayed. It is understood that efforts will be made to contact the person listed on this form as soon as reasonably possible. In the event that the aforementioned requires my authorization for treatment and I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the activity leader to hospitalize, secure medical treatment, and/or order an injection, anesthesia or surgery for the aforementioned as deemed necessary.

I understand all reasonable safety precautions will be taken at all times by the parish and its agents during Formation Programming. I understand the possibility of unforeseen hazards and know the inherent possibility of risk. I agree not to hold the St. Isidore Church, its leaders, employees, drivers, volunteers, or the Roman Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids liable for damages, losses, diseases, or injuries incurred by the aforementioned.

Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

PERMISSION FORM

As legal guardian, I give permission for my child(ren) to participate in the Faith Formation program at St Isidore Church. I understand that photography and/or video of participants may be procured during Formation Programming and used in promotional materials. I consent to the use of images or likenesses of the aforementioned person, for promotional purposes, by St Isidore Parish. (This allows us to use photos in our bulletin or website)

Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Office use only

Date:

Pmt amt:

Ck #:

Initial:

WNO ADULT REGISTRATION FORM 2015/2016

(Use this form only if you are not registering any children)

Name(s) _____

Full Address _____

Phone _____ Email address: _____

Are you parishioners of St Isidore? **Yes** **No**
(non-parishioners are most welcome; this is for record-keeping only!)

If no, parish in which you are registered: _____

~Medical Information~

Please list any allergies, medical conditions we should be aware of:

Emergency contact:

Number of adults enrolling in formation: _____

I understand that photography and/or video of participants may be procured during these classes and used in promotional materials, both in print and in other media, including the parish website. I consent to the use of images or likenesses of me, for promotional purposes only, by St Isidore parish.

Signature(s) _____

Date _____

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