



# Family Faith Companion

## Walking the Journey of Faith Together



St. John Faith Development  
April 2026

### Upcoming Events

- Apr. 8** Grades 1-4  
5-6 pm
- Apr. 8** Grades 5-8  
6:15-7:30 pm
- Apr. 15** Grades 1-4  
5-6 pm
- Apr. 15** Grades 5-8  
6:15-7:30 pm
- Apr. 16** **VBS Registration Opens**  
9:00 am
- Apr. 22** **End of Year Family Mass**  
Grades 1-8 pm  
6:00 pm  
**Ice Cream Social follows**
- Apr. 25** **FIRE Camp**  
9 am - 5:30 pm  
Grades 5-8

### Holy Week Masses

- Apr. 2** **Holy Thursday Mass**  
7:00 pm
- Apr. 3** **Good Friday Service**   
1:00 pm  
**Tenebrae Service** - 7:30 pm
- Apr. 4** **Easter Vigil**  
8:00 pm
- Apr. 5** **Easter Sunday**   
7 am, 9 am, 11 am

### hello from Sarah Simon

As we come to the final month of our Faith Development year, I want to take a moment to thank you for the warm welcome I have received in my first year in this program. It has truly been a blessing to walk alongside your families in faith. We will celebrate the year with a **Family Mass on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm** with an Ice Cream Social to follow Mass!

I would also like to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to our **catechists**, who have generously shared their time and gifts to make this year a success. We are so grateful for each of them! As we look ahead, we would love to have your family return next year and **encourage you to invite another family to join our program.**

**Registration for the 2026–2027 Faith Development year opens on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Early registration is always appreciated as we begin planning for next year. Please also remember that our **Scrip** program is a great way to help offset tuition costs—if you need help getting started, we are happy to assist.

Looking ahead to summer, **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** registration for students entering **Kindergarten–4th grade** will open on **April 16<sup>th</sup>**, and we will have a fun theme reveal at our April 15<sup>th</sup> grades 1–4 class!

We also celebrate a special milestone for many of our students, with **First Communion Masses** taking place at the end of April and beginning of May. Congratulations and blessings to these children and their families as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist!

As the school year comes to a close, we hope to continue seeing your families at Mass throughout the summer. May it be a time filled with rest, joy, and meaningful moments together.

Thank you again for a wonderful year!

With Blessings,

*Sarah*

ST. JOHN YOUTH MINISTRY

# FIRE CAMP 2026

APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM

ALL 5<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS WELCOME!

SERVICE, FOOD, FUN & FAITH FILLED  
ACTIVITIES, A FREE T-SHIRT &  
MASS AT 4:30 PM

ADULT & HIGH SCHOOL HELPERS ALSO NEEDED!

CAMPERS & HELPERS

REGISTER BY APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>:

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# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>

Theme Reveal: April 15<sup>th</sup>!

At Faith Development Class & posted on Social Media  
around 5:00 PM!

Open to kids  
entering  
Kindergarten  
through 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
in the Fall

REGISTRATION WILL

OPEN APRIL 16<sup>th</sup> at

9:00 AM

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Registration  
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# Faith Development

## Grades 1-8

### End of Year Family Mass

Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:00 pm

Ice Cream Sundaes after Mass



## Saint of the Month



St. Bernadette

Feast Day: Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>

Patron Saint of:  
illnesses

Saint Bernadette was a poor girl who lived in France a long time ago. One day, while she was near a cave, she saw a beautiful lady who spoke to her kindly. The lady was the Blessed Mother, Mary. Bernadette listened carefully to Mary and did what she asked, even when others did not believe her. Because of her faith, a special spring of water appeared, and many people were healed. Bernadette grew up to be a nun and always trusted God.

## Bread of Life:

### Celebrating the Eucharist

Brother Francis teaches us all about the Eucharist.

Click on the image to watch the video



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