

NPACC Disciples of Christ

Grade 1 through grade 8

For more information, call 952.758.5131

It's all happening at
Chaska Community Center,
and
St. Victoria Catholic Church!

Chillfest 2018

An overnight Lock-In for Grades 6, 7 & 8
Friday-Saturday, Jan. 26-27

SWIMMING
INFLATABLES
DANCING
PHOTO BOOTH
MASS
KARAOKE
ICE SKATING
LASER TAG
AND MORE!!!!

COST: \$45/PERSON
ABSOLUTE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org or 952.758.0477
Adult Chaperones are needed! This event cannot happen without you!
Register here: <https://npacc.wufoo.com/forms/mw7hyw81lya011/>

Chillfest!

Grades 6-7-8

Sign-up Deadline is Friday, January 19. This is a great time where your child will have a lock-in experience with many children from the southern metro area. It is a safe, fun night. Sign up today.

You can sign up using Wufoo by clicking on this link:

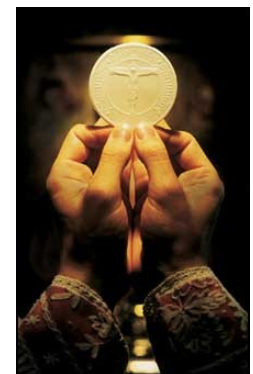
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Grade 2 parents

Don't forget about the reconciliation retreat on Saturday, January 20. It will be from 9-10:30 in the foyer of the PAC. This time will be wonderfully spent with you and your second grade child as we help you prepare them for this sacrament.

Also for grade 2 -

Just a reminder about the parent meetings coming up in February for your child's First Eucharist prep. Your options for the meetings are: Tuesday, February 13 or Wednesday, February 21. The retreat for this sacrament is Saturday, April 7 from 9 until noon.



Why we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday

Receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday echoes the Old Testament tradition of wearing ashes as a sign of anguish and repentance. We receive the ashes to remind us to humbly turn our hearts to God. It reminds us that our life on this earth is temporary.

We used to, and some churches still say; "**Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return.**" These words definitely bring to mind our temporary status on this earth. Receiving ashes is a ritual, a physical reminder, a symbol of a penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church.

In the New Prague Area Catholic Community, we use the words: "**Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.**" It seems to have a more positive twist to it. We have the opportunity to use this Lent to turn away from the things that keep us from God. We can also use this time to be faithful to God's Words to us in the Gospels. We can learn about Jesus and what He is calling US to do.

Ash Wednesday is on February 14 this year. We will meet in the PAC at 6:15 as usual. At 6:25, we will all go up to Mass. We will have spaces reserved up front for our families. Please feel free to join your child at Mass.



Join a Group this Lent ~

if you don't feel close to God, guess who moved?

A new year - a new relationship!

God created you to be in relationship with Him. He sent us Jesus to show us the way. Take time during Lent to turn toward Him... He's waiting.

Over Lent, you have the opportunity to get to know Jesus better. There are small group opportunities within our faith community that we hope you will join. We have people who have agreed to facilitate small groups, and those who have offered to host. Sign-up with friends or create new ones. Find a time that works for you and sign up in the back of church, or on-line, beginning January 13/14.

If you have a group that you would like to gather, let us know and we will match up a facilitator to work with your group's schedule. We will try to accommodate everyone in their desire to know Jesus better.

These are the areas we will be covering over the five weeks:

Coming to Know God:

Focus on Jesus

Making the Connection:

Prayer and Scripture

The Human Condition:

God's Gifts of Mercy and Forgiveness

Companions on the Journey:

Why the Church?

Living as a Disciple:

In Word and Deed

Lent consists of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving... Prayer can be looked at as a way to renew our connection to God. Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life, no-one comes to the Father except through me."

Get to know Jesus better, He will show us the way to His father (and ours).

These small groups are going to be fabulous. There are many times/days/options available. We have women only groups, men only groups, young adult groups, groups with Childcare available, daytime groups, afternoon groups, and evening groups.

We have set up for a facilitator to be here on Wednesday nights during our Disciples of Christ times. How convenient!!!

You can sign up in the back of church, or on line for any of the groups. The instructions the sign up genius are:

Go to goo.gl/F4xt78 to get to the sign-up genius

Scroll through the offered dates/times. Please note that the right side indicates how many slots are available... if it is full and the only one that works; contact Laura at 952.758.5131.

Click the sign up button on the right side and scroll down to *submit and sign-up*

This opens a new page. You may leave comments and indicate how many you would like to sign up. You will need to fill in your name and e-mail address. If you have used sign-up genius in the past, simply log-in.

You must click on *Sign up now* to finalize

An e-mail will be sent to you confirming sign-up. If for some reason you cannot make it, just sign back in and delete your reservation. Thank you!