

## NPACC Disciples of Christ

Grade 1 through grade 8

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### A picture is worth 1000 words, Here are a few from January.

**Grade 1** watched a “Brother Francis” DVD called “Let’s Pray”. The goal of this DVD is to help children establish a personal relationship with God through song and prayer.

It is a good reminder to help our students with basic prayers like the Sign of the Cross and the Our Father.



### Back by popular demand!

Diane Trettel has such a love for Jesus... ask your second grade students who her best friend is? She came to meet with our second graders and shared the importance of the sacrament of reconciliation. She uses rocks, a jar, water and love to share this message with our children.

### I love our Discipleship Groups!

After running off some energy from 6-6:15, the children get into their multi-age groups to learn more about Jesus. Ruth Weinandt plans some fun lessons and activities for our Junior High leaders to share with their Discipleship groups.

It is amazing how the noise and craziness of the first 15 minutes immediately quiets down as the kids learn from each other and grow in their relationship with Jesus through these discussions before they go to class.



## Join us on February 28! Wednesday Night DOC, Summer FF+ and Home-study

Our Wednesday night Disciples of Christ children should be bringing home a flyer—BUT... **all are invited** to come to this special night! We will have a (free will offering) homemade pizza supper in the church basement being served from 6-6:20. At 6:30, there will be Lenten activities in the PAC for our children and all families that would like to join us. At 7 p.m. we will all be going up to church to witness the portrayal of the Stations of the Cross by our Youth Alive Teens. If you have never watched the Live Stations, you are in for a very moving portrayal. Join us for all three events, or pick which you would like.



If you plan to join us for supper, please sign up on the parish website, RSVP to Laura at 952.758.5131, or click on this link: <https://npacc.wufoo.com/forms/m2ssun0gmsv48/>. Sign-ups requested by February 23.

I hope to see you all here with us! :)

## Summer Faith Formation Registration is on line.



Summer FF+ will run from Tuesday, May 29 - June 8. Classes go from 7:50-12:30 each day. We also have a session during Advent and another during Lent on a Sunday from 9:30-10:30. Due to the amount of material covered each day, Parents and students **MUST** commit to attending all 11 sessions.

Forms can be found on the parish website; [npcatholic.org](http://npcatholic.org) or you can click on the wufoo link:

<https://npacc.wufoo.com/forms/mi38le11qk8h7u/>

If you have any questions, give us a call.

## Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday is Valentines' Day... but more importantly it is the beginning of Lent! Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days of Lent... Now if you count the days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, you will arrive at 46... Sundays are considered a mini-Easter and therefore we do not count them in our 40 days. Please talk with your children about Lent... it is never too early to get the focus on Jesus. Should they "give something up?" May-be... if it helps them grow in their relationship with Jesus. Give up 30 minutes of screen time, but replace it with prayer or helping someone out with the thought of living as Jesus would want us to. Give up candy? Take the money that would have been spent on candy and donate it to the Peace Center or another worthy cause, share with those less fortunate.



Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving are the three main areas of focus during Lent. You can model for your children as to how you are working on these areas... individually or as a family. A good time to dig a bit deeper.