

NPACC Disciples of Christ

Grade 1 through grade 8

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Last Class Mass and BINGO—next week!

Next week is our last night of class! Where did the year go? For our last class we will be doing our traditional Mass, which will be led by our 7&8 grade students and our Teen choir. This will begin at 6:30 in church. Immediately following this Mass, we will host the Bingo party! It is a class night for our children, but a very special one, because it is for the whole family! We will have snacks and prizes - see you there!



This week—last Open Gym/Gathering time!

We will not be having Gathering time or Open gym next week. We will all go directly to Mass at 6:30. Since this week will be the completion of Gathering time, we will have a slice of pizza for each of the kids to celebrate another year of growing in our relationship with Jesus! What a great year it has been!



Ruth Weinandt has been planning each of our Gathering nights and this year the focus was on stories about Jesus from the Bible. What better way can there be to get to know Him than through the inspired Words of His Father (and Ours!) and prayer. Thanks for some amazing stories Ruth!

Eucharist

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven, whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." John 6:51

Bread is a basic food in almost every culture, Jesus is telling us that He is a basic part of our spiritual life. This was a hard concept for Jesus' followers at the time... and for some of us too. Yet it is portrayed in each of the Gospels and is central to our Catholic faith. Jesus shares Himself with all believers.

By God, through the actions of the priest, we believe Jesus is present in the Eucharist—His body and blood are present in the bread and wine we consume at each Mass... Jesus is one with us... we are what we eat... What does this mean for you? Do you leave Mass knowing Jesus is within you AND within those you encounter all week long? *Food for thought...*

Summer Plus Disciples of Christ

Grades 5, 7, & 8 are full. We will accept students on a waiting list for those grades. If we get up to 20 students, AND can find a catechist, we will offer a second section. Grade 2 has one spot left. The other grade levels have several spots open. If you are choosing this option, please sign up soon. We have had inquiries by families from other parishes, but our parishioners do get the first opportunities. By mid-May, we will open it up to others. Thanks!



All Grade 2 parents and children

Your big day is coming up soon. You will be welcomed to the Lord's Table by your faith community—***Congratulations!*** We want to remind parents that each family will have one pew up front marked with the banner that the children made at the First Eucharist retreat. Parents and children should plan to be in their pews at least 15 minutes prior to Mass. Father Kevin or Deacon Bob will go over any last minute instructions with you. Thank you for allowing us to walk this journey with you! God's Blessings as you receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first of many times.

Be eligible for our free tuition drawing!

Register on-line on the parish website, npcatholic.org—Faith Formation—registrations—near the bottom—Faith Formation 2018-19, or fill out a paper form. All forms received before the Bingo party on April 25 will be eligible for prizes. Our grand prize is a free registration for our fall sign up for one of your children (valued at \$90!)

The sooner we know our numbers for fall, the better off it is for all of us to have teachers, books, and supplies in place. Consider joining us as a catechist, BIG discounts available. We appreciate you registering YOUR child early. Thank you!

Spring Fling Thing = FUN! And YOU are invited!

This is a free parish-wide social event starting with 5 pm Mass, April 21, at the SW site, then over to the Parish Activities Center for the Spring Fling Thing with live music by **The Revial Band** from 6-9:30 pm.

What is a Spring Fling Thing? It is a fun, family night with food, beverages, live music, dancing and some much needed spring merriment. Your children are welcome to join you in the dancing, or there will be childcare available with children's activities. And all of this is FREE! Gather your friends and join us for a great night. The youth going on a mission trip this summer are hosting the event. They will have free-will baskets out for any tax-deductible donations you may wish to make.

Please spread the word and join us for this fun, free night!

