

FORT RECOVERY CLUSTER RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAMS—2017

MARCH UPDATES

Hello and welcome back to the start of the Lenten season. There is much to discuss with the students as we go through Lent and many new exciting updates.

- ◆ Stations for children and families on Friday afternoons, held at MHC at 3:30pm. Please attend and see how the stations apply to today's present day and how kids can get involved, too! There will be Lenten snacks and games after for children to participate in.
- ◆ VBS—We are starting to prepare for this summer's programs and are still deciding on whether to hold one at Mary Help of Christians, or not. Please help us out by providing feedback on whether your kids will be attending, or if you are able to volunteer and assist with holding the Vacation Bible School. Here is a survey link to complete to help in making this final decision. <https://goo.gl/forms/wK9hx4WBmCvg1L5o2>
- ◆ Parents please mark your calendars for VBS at St. Paul from July 10-13 and at St. Peter/St. Joe from July 17-21. We are so excited for the program this year and are looking forward to getting starting and having great adventures this summer!
- ◆ The next VBS meeting for leaders/volunteers is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21st at Mary Help of Christians. Please attend if you anticipate assisting with VBS or contact Holly at cre@fortrecoverycatholics.org to help out, as well.
- ◆ St. Peter/St. Joe Living Way reminder—Parents, your students will be bringing notes home this Wednesday evening with information on the Living Way held March 15. This will be from 7:00pm—approximately 7:30/7:45pm. First session students will go over to the Church with their teachers and find their seats, so will be dismissed later than usual. 2nd Session students should arrive before 7:00pm when it starts and go directly to Church to meet their teachers there. Then, 2nd Session students will go back to class for the remaining session. Again, there is a note going home with students this Wednesday, that also has this information.
- ◆ St. Paul Living Way reminder—Parents, your students will be sent home with a note the week of March 29th regarding how Living Way will be held. This is being debated at this point since they are remodeling the Church, so we are unsure at this point if it will be held outside, or if the interior of the Church will be done enough to just have everyone seated inside without the pews. Again, this information is still being determined so we will keep you posted, but please be sure to check the reminder sent home with students on March 29th.

Thank you all so much for your help with each of our programs and especially, Catechists for all that you do. Wishing everyone a very Happy Lenten season as we prepare for Easter.

Blessings, Holly Wuebker—cre@fortrecoverycatholics.org

*“As Lent is the time for greater LOVE, listen to Jesus’ thirst... ‘Repent and Believe’ Jesus tells us. What are we to Repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to Believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor — He knows your weakness. He wants only your LOVE, wants only the chance to LOVE you.”
~ Blessed Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- Virtus Training at MHC in the Undercroft—March 6 at 6:30pm.
- March 16—Little Flowers and Blue Knights meet at MHC in the Undercroft from 6:30-8:00pm.
- March 21—VBS Meeting at MHC after Mass.
- April 20—Little Flowers and Blue Knights meet at MHC in the Undercroft
- May 3—Last day of religious education classes for students!
- May 7—Graduation Masses will take place at each of the following parishes; St. Paul, MHC and St. Peter.
- May 15—There will be Masses at the following parishes, celebrating the crowning of our Mother Mary; St. Paul, Mary Help of Christians and St. Peter. 1st Communicants will be participating and there will be a blessing of items, afterwards.



	Mary HC		St. Paul		St Peter/St. Joe	
Date	Session I	Session II	Session I	Session II	Session i	Session II
March 8, 2017	Confession	Confession				Practice for LW
March 15, 2017					Living Way	
March 22, 2017	Floating (4-6)	Floating (10-12)				
March 29, 2017	Floating (1-3)			Practice for LW		
April 5, 2017			Living Way			
April 12, 2017	NO RELIGION - Holy Week					
April 19, 2017						
April 26, 2017						
May 3, 2017				Survivor Night		
St. Paul church is closed until Easter for renovations - ALL Religion Classes (Wed & Sunday) will continue as scheduled						
Palm Sunday April 9						
Easter April 16						
Practices	April 19 at CCD - 1st Session 6pm		April 26 at CCD - 1st Session 6pm		April 26 at CCD - 2nd Session 7:30pm	
1st Communion	April 22 - MHC at 4:30PM		April 30 - St. Paul at 8:30AM		April 29 - St. Peter at 4:30PM	
Graduation Mass - Sunday Masses on May 7 - St. Paul, MHC and St. Peter						
Mother's Day - May 14 - Masses at St. Paul, MHC and St. Peter for May Crowning						
May 21 - Mass at MHC for Little Flowers/Blue Knights - Coffee and donuts after Mass						

ST. PETER/ST. JOE CYO

Congrats to the St. Peter/St. Joe CYO teams as the girls made it to finals and the boys make it to state this Friday night, March 10th. The boys play at Versailles at 8:00pm, so please come help to support them and cheer them on as they continue. Also, there are new pages to help with tracking your CYO information. Please add them to your pages on Facebook under St. Peter / St. Joe CYO and on Twitter @stpeterstjoecyo.

Students will also be going home Wednesday night with information regarding the upcoming Easter candy sales and pro-life t-shirt sign-ups.

FORMED

Check out Formed.org online for information regarding the Forgiven series for Lent, the Echo program, the Catholicism series and so much more including the Catholic Encounter program over what is "right" and "wrong." It discusses culture, society and especially morality. This is one of the many series which is available to you and your family, so please go online to learn more, especially over some of the new children's content which is now available. Please use Parish Code: 87e81f when you log-in to set-up your password and information. What a great way to learn more about your Catholic faith during the Lenten season!

