

YC Families

Events

Opening YC Family Mass

Monday, September 12th - 6:30 pm Mass

Family Home Lesson

Week of November 21st

Family Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 20th - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 27th - 7:00 pm

Registration Fair for 2012-2013

Sunday, April 15th - 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Monday, April 16th - 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Closing YC Family Mass

Monday, May 14th - 6:30 pm Mass

Sacramental Information for 2011-2012

1st Reconciliation ~ November 19, 2011

Confirmation practice ~ February 3rd

Confirmation ~ February 4, 2012

1st Eucharist practice ~ week of May 1

1st Eucharist ~ May 5 & May 12, 2012

St. John of the Cross Youth Catechesis Program

St. John of the Cross religious education program, commonly called "YC", is an active, welcoming program open to all parish families.

Parents are the first and most important teachers of faith for their children. YC plays a secondary role to the faith experiences and knowledge that is built at home.

Faith is a way of "seeing". To have faith is to see God's presence and power active in the world and one's life. To have faith is to see the world as creation and a gift from God. To have faith is to see others as made in the image of God. YC offers ways to see God's love and care interwoven in the events of daily life.

Passing on faith is as simple and natural as helping someone see the reality of God. At St. John of the Cross YC, we recognize the importance of growing in faith together and encourage participation in our weekly mass. Celebrating liturgies together as a community balance what is learned at home and in the class session, with what is practiced at mass.

Come journey at YC and see Jesus active in our lives.

If you are new to YC, please call and we will gladly explain YC and the wonderful opportunities available to all students and their families.

"Ask and it will be given, seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Luke 11:9

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS YOUTH CATECHESIS

2011~2012 Program



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See the YC Online Calendar at
www.stjohnofthecross.org/yc

Grades K-6

	<u>SUN</u> <u>10:15 to</u> <u>11:30 am</u> in school	<u>MON</u> <u>6:15 to</u> <u>7:30 pm</u> in school
September	18 25	19 26
October	2 16 23	3 17 24
November	6 13	7 14
<i>week of 11-20-Family Home Lesson</i>		
December	4 11	5 12
January	22 29	23 30
February	5 12 26	6 13 27
March	4 11 18	5 12 19
April	15 22 29	16 23 30
May	6	7

Grades 7 & 8

7th & 8th grades meet in Home Groups (hours specific to small groups)

September	18 25	<i>□ 7th graders see below</i>
October	16 23/24	<i>* 7th & 8th on campus</i>
November	6 13	<i>week of 11-20-Family Home Lesson</i>
December	4	<i>^ 7th speaker at Parish Center</i>
January	22 29	
<i>Confirmation practice: February 3rd</i>		
<i>8th grade Confirmation: February 4th</i>		
February	12 26	
March	11 18/ 19	<i>*7th & 8th on campus</i>
April	22 29	

□ - 6:30-8:00 pm 7th grade Kick-Off at parish center, 8th grade in home groups

** - 7th & 8th grades meet in the school on day and time determined by Home Group Leader*

^ - 7th grade speaker at school, 8th grade in home groups

8th grade students will receive specific confirmation requirements during their home group meetings

Family Faith Connections

Preschool children registered in the FFC program only attend the monthly gathering for the lessons based on a family catechesis model. Parents and children attend the sessions together to build community and celebrate their faith.

Children in grades **Kindergarten through 6th** work at home with their parents on weekly lessons based on Sunday scripture, with discussions and activities and complete a grade level workbook. FFC families attend the below five gatherings.

FFC Gatherings meet in School Multi-purpose Room Noon to 1:30 pm First Sunday of the Month as listed

October	2	Orientation & gathering
November	6	<i>week of 11-20-Family Home Lesson</i>
December	4	
February	5	
March	4	

Families are also encouraged to attend one (1) SJC community event and one (1) outreach event throughout the year. A family journal is kept of these experiences.

Special Needs

Children enrolled in the Special Needs program meet from 9:00-10:00 am on the same dates as the 7th and 8th grade class dates.