

Assumption BVM Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

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exists to foster holistic religious formation for the children and youth of our parish community. The PREP community supports the faith formation provided first and foremost by parents as they strive to raise their children as integrated, committed, Catholic Christian people whose faith is evermore living, conscious and active. PREP offers children and youth opportunities to experience God's love, to learn about salvation history and our rich Catholic heritage, and to find and claim their places as disciples of Jesus and members of the Catholic Church and God's Kingdom. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, catechists and other parishioners who serve in PREP share the love of God the Father and the Good News of Jesus Christ that they have experienced in their own lives. We trust in God's grace as we commit ourselves generously to nurture the faith in the children and youth of Assumption Parish.

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) sessions are open to any parish children in school grades K – 8 who wish to grow in understanding and practice of their Catholic faith.

Assumption Parish offers PREP sessions for youth in all levels on Sunday mornings (8:30 – 9:45 a.m.) and Wednesday evenings (6:00 – 7:15 p.m.).

| <u>Children/youth generally in school grade:</u> | <u>usually participate in PREP level:</u> | <u>which helps youth:</u> |
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| Kindergarten 1,2 | Genesis 1 Genesis 2 | begin their formal religious education, learning stories and practices of our faith in a faith-filled, age-appropriate community |
| 2,3 | Good Shepherd | learn about and experience God's forgiving love as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time |
| 3,4 | Apostles | learn about Jesus' love & experience God's gift of his Son as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time |
| 3,4 5,6 6,7 | Faith Explorers 1 Faith Explorers 2 Faith Explorers 3 | learn more about the Trinity, their relationship with God and the Christian community, the Sacraments, the stories of our faith, and their responsibilities and rights as Christians |
| 7,8,9 | Discipleship 1 & 2 | learn more about the life of Jesus, the beliefs of Catholic Christians contained in our Creed, and the meaning of these beliefs in our lives as they begin to consider the call to discipleship; learn about the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives while preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation |
| 9 – 12 | Parish Youth Ministry | continue growing as disciples by participating in worship, education, service & social activities |

For more information, contact Christina Durback, Director of Religious Education, at 610-814-0712 or Durback@ptd.net.

Assumption BVM PREP 2008-2009 Calendar

SUNDAY SESSIONS

All sessions 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

September

- 21 - Orientation session, begins in church
- 28 - Regular session

October

- 5 – Regular session
- 7 – Family Holy Hour, 6 – 7 p.m. in church
- 12 – Regular session
+*Child Protection Catechesis* lesson for Faith Explorers 3, Discipleship 1 & 2
- 19 – Regular session
+*Child Protection Catechesis* lesson for Apostles, Faith Explorers 1 & 2
- 26 – Regular session
+Thanksgiving Food Drive begins

November

- 2 – Regular session
- 4 – Family Holy Hour, 6 – 7 p.m. in church
- 9 – Regular session
+Thanksgiving Food Drive ends
- 16 – Regular session
+*Child Protection Catechesis* lesson for Genesis 1 & 2, Good Shepherd
- 23 – Regular session

December

- 2 – Family Holy Hour, 6 – 7 p.m. in church
- 7 – Regular session
+*Communal Reconciliation Service* for Faith Explorers 3, Discipleship 1 & 2
- 14 - Regular session
- 21 - Regular session

January

- 6 – Family Holy Hour, 6 – 7 p.m. in church
- 11 - Regular session
- 18 - Regular session
- 25 - Regular session

February

- 1 - Regular session
- 3 – Family Holy Hour, 6 – 7 p.m. in church
- 8 - Regular session
- 22 - Regular session

March – Lenten Mission Collections for HCA all month

- 1 - Regular session
- 3 – Family Holy Hour, 6 – 7 p.m. in church
- 8 - Regular session
+*Communal Reconciliation Service* for Good Shepherd, Apostles, Faith Explorers 1 & 2
- 22 - Regular session
- 29 - Regular session

Collection for the Holy Childhood Association during October, Mission Awareness Month.

Collection for the Holy Childhood Association throughout Lent.

- 7 – Family Holy Hour, 6 – 7 p.m. in church
- 19 - Regular session
- 26 – Closing session

Please consult the Sacramental Preparation page of this website for information.

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

All sessions 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

September

- 24 - Orientation session, begins in church

October

- 1 – Regular session
- 7 – Family Holy Hour, 6 – 7 p.m. in church
- 8 – Regular session
- 15 – Regular session
+*Child Protection Catechesis* lesson for Faith Explorers 3, Discipleship 1 & 2
- 22 – Regular session,
+*Child Protection Catechesis* lesson for Apostles, Faith Explorers 1 & 2
- 29 – Regular session
+Thanksgiving Food Drive begins

November

- 4 – Family Holy Hour, 6 – 7 p.m. in church
- 5 – Regular session
- 12 – Regular session
+Thanksgiving Food Drive ends
+*Child Protection Catechesis* lesson for Genesis 1 & 2, Good Shepherd
- 19 – Regular session

December

- 2 – Family Holy Hour, 6 – 7 p.m. in church
- 3 – Regular session
+*Communal Reconciliation Service* for Faith Explorers 3, Discipleship 1 & 2
- 10 - Regular session
- 17 - Regular session

January

- 6 – Family Holy Hour, 6 – 7 p.m. in church
- 7 – Regular session
- 14 - Regular session
- 21 - Regular session
- 28 - Regular session

February

- 3 – Family Holy Hour, 6 – 7 p.m. in church
- 4 - Regular session
- 11 - Regular session
- 18 - Regular session

March – Lenten Mission Collections for HCA all month

- 3 – Family Holy Hour, 6 – 7 p.m. in church
- 4 - Regular session
- 11 - Regular session
+*Communal Reconciliation Service* for Good Shepherd, Apostles, Faith Explorers 1 & 2

18 - Regular session
25 - Regular session

April

1 - Regular session

7 - Family Holy Hour, 6 - 7 p.m. in church
15 - Regular session
22 - Regular session
29 - Closing session