

SMM's 2018-2019 PREP Schedule



Class Dates K through 8th Grade:

September 9 (Opening class), 16, 23, 30
 October 7 (Family Day), 14, 21, 28
 November 4, 11 (Family Day), 18
 December 2 (Family Day), 9, 19, 23
 (Christmas Show)

January 6, 13 (Family Day), 20
 February 3, 10 (Family Day), 17, 24
 March 3, 10 (Family Day), 17, 24, 31
 April 7 (Family Day), 14 (last class) Easter
 Sunday is the 21st

No Classes on the Following Dates

- November 25 (Thanksgiving)
- December 30 (Christmas break)
- January 27 - (School Open House)



Family Catechesis Program Dates 2018-2019

Family Catechesis classes for 1st – 8th grade, meaning **the whole family attends**. **Families will be required to attend 4 out of the 7 Family Catechesis classes** (listed below), **so three of those weekends your family will not have to attend PREP and have “off!”** These classes will run from 10AM to approximately 12PM. Signup geniuses will be available at <http://www.smmchurch.org/family-catechesis-classes> and the program will generate an automatic reminder email 3 days prior. Please remember:

On Sundays that are designated Family Catechesis, parents of 1st – 8th graders should not send their child/children in alone, as regular PREP classes will not be held for those grades.

Date	Subject
October 7 th	Mary and the Saints - required for 7th grade - 7th grade will do their annual saints program as part of the morning learning more about a new feast of Mary instituted by Pope Francis; we'll have age-appropriate sessions as part of the morning
November 11 th	The Ten Commandments and our Faith today - Rabbi Michael Beals from Congregation Beth Shalom will be here to speak to us about the Ten Commandments, and we'll break out into age-appropriate groups afterwards to learn more about how these are important to our life today!
December 2nd	Advent Wreath Workshop - we'll join others in the hall to make our Advent wreaths and use crafts and activities to learn how we can make this season of preparation more meaningful to our families! This program requires you to bring a materials fee, and you must sign up by November 20th so we can order them! PLEASE BE SURE TO LIST HOW MANY WREATHS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AHEAD OF TIME SO THAT WE ORDER THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF MATERIALS!! THERE ARE NO WALK-INS FOR THIS EVENT, YOU MUST SIGN UP AHEAD OF TIME.
January 13th	FOOD OUTREACH - we will return this year to making a meal to be taken by 8th graders and their parents to a local shelter. This will be a really special event this year! Parents will be asked to bring certain items with them that day; please see the signup genius for details!



February 10th	THE MASS - this year we will learn more about the Priest's gestures and vestments as well as having the 5th grade enact the Mass for us
March 10th	VOCATIONS - vocations aren't just for priests! We'll learn more about vocations of all kinds within the Church, and end the morning with the traditional ASH PRAYER SERVICE
March 24th - required for 7th grade	Trip to the Poor Clares for Mass and to learn more about their vocation - this class is limited in size due to their chapel! THIS IS A FIELD TRIP FOR 7TH GRADE ONLY. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A STUDENT IN 7TH GRADE, PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UP. USE THE SIGNUP GENIUS IF YOUR WHOLE FAMILY IS COMING AND THE PERMISSION SLIP IF IT IS ONLY THE STUDENT ATTENDING.
DATE TBA – REQUIRED FOR 6TH GRADE	INTERFAITH SEDER AT CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM students and families that wish to attend will not have class that morning but will instead go to the synagogue at 5PM for a seder experience. Please be aware that this is not a full meal, but does include many traditional Seder dishes while the history of our faith is explained! NUMBERS MUST BE SENT TO BETH SHALOM BY
April 7th	THE TRIDUUM – what are the three days? Are they part of Lent? What do they include?