

Ongoing Faith Formation

"The Chosen" Bible Study

Who:	Anyone and everyone is welcome!*
What:	Get to know Jesus as a person by watching and exploring the mini-series <i>"The Chosen"</i> .
When:	Sundays from 10:15am to 11:45am (<i>See below for scheduled dates.</i>)
Where:	Parish Hall
Why:	You've learned about Jesus; now come and get to know Jesus.
Bring:	Bible and journal (<i>snacks to share with others is encouraged but optional</i>)
Cost:	Free! (<i>Donations will be gratefully accepted to help cover the expense of refreshments and a year-end potluck.</i>)



We know Jesus as a historical figure, but visually seeing Him in His humanity gives us a broader perspective.

Each week will begin with reading the Bible passages associated with each episode, then we will watch the assigned episode. We hear about Jesus' humanity, but seeing it gives us a new understanding through a different lens. Following the episode, we'll break into small age-based groups to discuss our reactions. Conversation should hopefully flow organically, but we will have some scripted questions ready, both tailored to the specific episode and others more generic in nature.

Please come join us and share your thoughts as we explore these beautifully crafted episodes throughout the year. We have scheduled this program event around currently released episodes as of June 2022 and apologize that we will not be able to explore any that are released later. We will have some snacks and beverages available, but please consider bringing some to share with the group as well.

A unique twist on this program is that it will be led by several college students who are actively involved with FOCUS. Allowing them to own and share their faith with both adults and younger kids has many far-reaching benefits. Our faith is for all of us at all ages and we can all come to learn from one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. Watch the episodes with your friends and family, then break out into small, age-based groups for further reflection and deeper discussions on the real-life theological implications the Gospels have on our daily lives. This approach will be especially beneficial for our recently confirmed kids so they can see and experience firsthand that receiving all of the Sacraments of Initiation is just the beginning of a life-long journey, and not the end.

**Children enrolled in Fatima's Sunday RE program will unfortunately not be able to participate in this Bible Study. This study was initially developed as a celebratory next step to reward the kiddos who have received all their Sacraments of Initiation (4th and 5th graders). Instead of getting confirmed and disappearing from Church, we wanted to offer them a more laid-back approach to deepening their personal relationship with the Lord their God. We are simply opening this program up to their parents/guardians as well and other families in the broader Fatima community.*

“The Chosen” Bible Study (continued)

Please see below for the episode schedule throughout the year. Also, if you are not part of Fatima’s Sunday RE program and are very interested in participating in this study with your entire family, please be advised that some families feel there are certain episodes that may be a little too intense for younger children. Season 1—Episode 1, for example, portrays Mary Magdalene as being possessed by demons. We encourage individual families to conduct their own research in advance to determine the appropriateness of the program’s episodes for their own children.

Fall 2021

Sep 26	<i>I Have Called You by Name</i>	Season 1	Episode 1	Parish Hall
Oct 10	<i>Shabbat</i>	Season 1	Episode 2	Parish Hall
Oct 17	<i>Jesus Loves the Little Children</i>	Season 1	Episode 3	School Library*
Oct 24	<i>The Rock on Which it is Built</i>	Season 1	Episode 4	Parish Hall
Oct 31	<i>The Wedding Gift</i>	Season 1	Episode 5	Parish Hall
Nov 14	<i>Indescribable Compassion</i>	Season 1	Episode 6	Parish Hall
Nov 21	<i>Invitations</i>	Season 1	Episode 7	Parish Hall
Dec 12	<i>I Am He</i>	Season 1	Episode 8	Parish Hall

Spring 2022

Jan 23	<i>Thunder</i>	Season 2	Episode 1	Parish Hall
Feb 13	<i>I Saw You</i>	Season 2	Episode 2	Parish Hall
Feb 27	<i>Matthew 4:24</i>	Season 2	Episode 3	Parish Hall
Mar 27	<i>The Perfect Opportunity</i>	Season 2	Episode 4	Parish Hall
Apr 10	<i>Spirit</i>	Season 2	Episode 5	Parish Hall
May 8	<i>Unlawful</i>	Season 2	Episode 6	Parish Hall
May 22	<i>Reckoning</i>	Season 2	Episode 7	Parish Hall

***NOTE!!!** Due to the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast, Season 1—Episode 3 “Jesus Loves the Little Children” will be shown in the school library on October 17, 2021.