

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Office of Faith Formation Newsletter

December 2020



Advent Ideas



[Holy Heroes](#) has free Advent Ideas and materials for all ages.

[Catholic Sprouts Printable Nativity Set](#)

[Catholic Link: Seven Advent Resources](#)

Advent Websites

[CatholicCompany.com](#)
[TeachingCatholicKids.com](#)
[CatholicCulture.org](#)
[LoyolaPress.com](#)
[Sadlier.com](#)

Celebrate St. Nicholas Day!

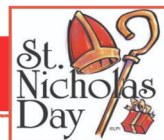
Calling children everywhere! Join the Daughters of St. Paul Saturday,

December 5 at 10:30 am CST for our virtual celebration of the Feast of St. Nicholas.

Meet St. Nick and learn about the saint who became Santa! We'll sing, pray, and have fun preparing for Christmas together. To register and receive the Zoom link, email Sr. Laura at stlou-is@paulinmedia.com. For more information, call the sisters at 314-965-3512.

Daughters of St. Paul
invite you:

A Virtual Celebration
A joyful way to help prepare children for Christmas



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Emerald Coast Walk for Life

January 15

6:30 pm Pro-Life Mass with Bishop Bill
St. Paul Catholic Church, Pensacola

January 16

9:30 am Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pensacola
11:00 am Maritime Park Speaker Ryan Bomberger
Walk for Life to follow through downtown Pensacola

December Apostleship of Prayer

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Adult Confirmation

Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults

Sunday, March 7 at 2 pm
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Pensacola

Contact your parish if interested.

More information at: [Adult Faith Formation](#)

or contact Sister Margaret

Parish Catechetical Leaders

Virtual Meetings

Choose the one that fits your schedule!

Tuesday, January 12

9:30 am CT (10:30 ET)

1:30 CT (2:30 ET)

6:30 CT (7:30 ET)

Thursday, January 14

9:30 am CT (10:30 ET)

1:30 CT (2:30 ET)

6:30 CT (7:30 ET)

Link will be sent in January
If you can not make any of these,
contact Sister Margaret to set up a call!

Topics Include:

Grants

Lent

Safe Environment Guidelines

Directory for Catechesis

Catechist Formation

Sacraments

Your needs!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

**Rite of Election and
Call to Continuing Conversion**

February 21 Tallahassee

February 28 Pensacola

**Forms to register parishes will be sent the first
week of January**

Young Adult Ministry

We are looking to revitalize the

Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese!

Plans are being formalized to have Discipleship on Draft
at least monthly if not twice a month in the area from
Navarre to Santa Rosa Beach.

We would like to revitalize the young adult ministry in the
Pensacola area!

We are looking for young adults to help organize

If interested in helping with either contact
Sister Margaret at 850-435-3523 or kuntzm@ptdiocese.org

Adult Faith Formation

The diocese has become a partnering diocese with
the University of Dayton Virtual Learning
Community for Faith Formation. This means that
any adult in the diocese can take one of the online
courses for \$50.00.

For more information:

<https://vlcff.udayton.edu/>

or contact Sister Margaret

Protection and Prevention through Respect: Creating Safe Environments

**Remember to rotate the three topics:
Good Touch/Bad Touch and Relationships,
Internet Safety
Bullying**

Remember our goal is 100% participation.

If you have not had the session with the
children/youth please set and dates
and complete by March 30.

**Materials are being developed for children/youth
who are participating virtually or through packets**

*If you need help with setting up your session,
contact Sister Margaret.*

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

If interested in beginning an atrium, contact Sr. Margaret

Catechist Formation:

Level II Week Two: July 11– 17 at:

Good Shepherd Parish, Tallahassee

Level I Week Two: June 13-19 at:

St. Ann Parish, Gulf Breeze

Level I Week One: June 24-30 at:

Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Niceville



Click here for [Registration forms](#)

Parent pages can be found on our diocesan website:
ptdiocese.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd

Click here for [Additional parent resources](#)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd USA
has [very good podcasts](#):

Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus is a weeklong summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship.

The methodology, structure, content, and enthusiasm of Totus Tuus is concerned with not only teaching the Faith, but also igniting the hearts of the team members and the young people they encounter. .

There is a program for K through 5th or 6th grade in the morning and a program for Middle and High School in the evening.

In the summer of 2019 five parishes in the diocese experienced Totus Tuus:

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Christ Our Redeemer, Corpus Christi, St. Rita, and St. Sylvester

If your parish would like to experience Totus Tuus in the summer of 2021 please contact Sister Margaret.

If you or anyone you know is interested in participating or becoming a missionary, email Sister Margaret Kuntz at kuntzm@ptdiocese.org.

Did you miss the

Growing and Living Conference?

You can view the breakout sessions here:

<https://ptdiocese.org/growingandliving>

Family Faith Formation

Formation5:

Family Faith Formation in 5 Minutes or Less

Sign up [here](#):

Receive an email each day which includes:

- A simple lesson you can read about Scripture, saints, or series of Church teachings.
- A short exercise or reflection questions for parents and kids to discuss as a family.

A prayer to lead the family closer to Christ.

Lay Formation

The Lay Formation Program for the diocese is being revised. The new format will be two years with some virtual parts virtual.

It will include:

Two courses per year from the University of Dayton Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

Opening Reflection Day

Seven sessions each year

Closing Retreat

Watch for more information in January and February

Grants Available

Seton

The most successful grants are those that emphasize Catholic faith formation. The grants cannot be used for professional development (i.e. conferences or retreats), capital improvement of the school or parish buildings, or for any program that is not directly related to the overall goals of the school or parish.

December 3, 2020 Grant Applications sent to the schools and parishes

February 1, 2021 Grant Applications must be received by Donna Bass in the Schools Office

Catholic Foundation of Northwest Florida

The Foundation's Endowments have been established for the sole benefit of Catholic ministry in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. The primary purpose of the fund is to encourage and support the creation of innovative programs and resources to evangelize and catechize adults and children into a lived Catholic Faith

January/February

GRANTS SOLICIED

February 28

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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