

***IMMACULATE HEART  
OF MARY PARISH***

***FRESHMAN  
BIBLE  
STUDY***



***Handbook for  
Grade 9  
2021 - 2022***

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FRESHMAN BIBLE STUDY  
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***DIG INTO THE BIBLE AND STRIKE IT RICH!***

Welcome to the NEW IHM Freshman Bible Study. The Bible Study staff has 2 units planned for you this year. As a student in the program, you will be involved in gathering activities, prayer, and New Testament Bible Study.

Our basic goal is to provide each student the opportunity to acknowledge, reflect upon, and respond to his or her faith by patterning their life after Jesus in the New Testament.

**A special note to students:**

***As a freshman in high school, Jesus is calling each of you just as he did his disciples to grow and mature in faith, to evangelize – to be people who tell, share and live the Good News of Christ – first with family and friends and then in the wider world of your parish, school and community.***

***Come and journey with your classmates through the New Testament and grow in knowledge and gratitude for the GIFT of our greatest treasure, the Holy Bible and our Catholic Faith.***

**PARENTS & STUDENTS:**

Views concerning the Bible Study program are welcomed and encouraged. The religious education staff, along with the teacher, Janet Wadsworth, are open to ideas and suggestions that will enhance and involve more student/parent participation. Please feel free to call Amy Malventano, Coordinator of Youth & Adolescent Catechesis: 859-689-5010, ext. 263/E-mail: amalventano@ihm-ky.org at any time for continued discussion.

**TEACHERS MINISTRY STATEMENT:**

**It is our intention to maintain a Christian environment at all times. We want the message we communicate to you, our Freshman Bible Study students to be clear:**

**YOU BELONG HERE AT IHM**

**YOU ARE THE CHURCH**

**YOU BELONG TO US**

**WE BELONG TO YOU**

**YOU DO HAVE A PLACE!**

**WE LOVE YOU!!**

**TOGETHER WE ARE CHURCH!!!**

**-Youth Pastoral Letter  
Bishop William A. Hughes**

**The intentional Christian environment we seek is rooted in having *YOU*, our freshman, experience the power of gospel love while you are learning about it. Our hope as teachers is to love people as Jesus loves them, and to help you, our **BIBLE STUDY** students to grow in the knowledge of the New Testament as well as our Catholic faith.**

***Freshman Bible Study  
Pray It! Study It! Live It!***

## **ADMISSION**

**IHM Freshman Bible Study is open to all youth entering 9th grade. Families must be registered, contributing members of IHM parish. Sessions begin the Monday after Labor Day and continue until the end of April.**

**Classes are held in six week sessions with a week off in between sessions. Classes are scheduled on Monday evenings from 6:55pm - 8:30pm.**

## **BOOK FEES**

**Book fees cover the cost of Bibles, supplies, paper, pencils/pens and folders. Fees are payable at the beginning of each current Freshman Bible Study year.**

**\$40 - one child**

**\$60 - two children**

## **CURRICULUM**

**Students will be using “T3: Teen Timeline.” This dynamic program from Ascension Press makes the Bible come alive for Catholic teens by unpacking God’s Word in a way they can relate to. T3 teaches teens the Bible by showing them the “big picture” of salvation history. When young students of the Bible first understand the “story,” they are eager to learn more. The net result: teens begin to wrap their minds and hearts around the Scriptures. They come to see the Bible as a relevant part of their lives.**



## ATTENDANCE

It is very important for students to attend **BIBLE STUDY** classes on a regular basis as well as to arrive on time.

**NOTE:** If a **BIBLE STUDY** student misses more than 5 classes he/she will be officially dropped from the class unless we hear from you. If, for any reason, you choose to withdraw your student from **BIBLE STUDY** classes, please contact us immediately.

*\*\* If you have a change of address or phone number during the current year, please notify as soon as possible. Thank you.*

## COMMUNICATION

One of the most essential ingredients to a successful program is communication. Good communication avoids misunderstanding and builds trust.

Emails will be the primary source of communication from our Religious Education Office.

In addition, letters, flyers, outlines of materials to be studied will be sent home with your teen. Please ask your teen each week if a communication has been given to them for their parents. If at any time you have concerns or questions please contact Coordinator of Youth & Adolescent Catechesis, Amy Malventano (859-689-5010 ext. 263)/E-mail: [amalventano@ihm-ky.org](mailto:amalventano@ihm-ky.org).

## ARRIVAL

Announcements and welcome will begin promptly at 6:55pm for students in the Freshman Bible Study area. Parents are asked to drop off students at the front entrance of school/church 10 minutes before 6:55pm.

## DISMISSAL

Dismissal will be from the main entrance of church in the upper level parking lot. Students will line up along the sidewalk in front of the church/school for parent/guardian to pick up.

## CANCELLATION OF CLASSES DUE TO BAD WEATHER

**DO NOT ASSUME** that anytime Boone County Schools cancel classes or dismisses early due to bad weather there will be no religious education classes that evening. Check your TV channels (*Channel 5-WLWT, Channel 9-WCPO, Channel 12-WKRC and Channel 19-WXIX*), and your e-mail for cancellations. *Parents and Teacher will be notified by e-mail* as soon as a decision is made regarding the cancellation of classes.

## CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

1. Classes begin promptly at 6:55 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.
2. Students are to go directly to their classrooms upon arrival.
3. There should be a quiet atmosphere throughout the building so learning may take place for all. Therefore, the following are not permitted:
  - a. Leaving class without teachers permission
  - b. ALL electronic devices including cell phones, and gum or candy.
  - c. Parking lot, Boone Woods Park, are **NON-DESIGNATED** areas of the IHM complex.
  - d. Loud noise or running in the hall.
  - e. Touching or using classroom materials in the room or from another student's desk.
  - f. Wearing of hats or caps in the building or *shoes with wheels.*

## STUDENT CONDUCT

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is appropriate and conducive to learning. If and when a student's behavior becomes disruptive and/or destructive to the learning process, the following consequences for violating rules will be taken:

- First violation:** Student will receive a verbal warning from their teacher
- Second violation:** Student will be sent to the DRE/CRE
- Third violation:** Parents will be called by catechist or DRE/CRE
- Fourth violation:** Parents will be asked to meet with the teen, teacher, DRE/CRE or pastor





## 10 BEST GIFTS FOR YOUR TEEN

### 1. RESPECT

- a. Listen to your teen.
- b. Take your teenager seriously.
- c. Treat him/her with dignity and worth.
- d. Separate what your teen does from who he/she *is*.
- e. Avoid comparisons.
- f. Honor his/her plans.

### 2. ROOM

- a. Allow your teen the privacy he/she needs to begin the process of individualization, of becoming his/her own person.
- b. Allow your teen to keep his/her bedroom (living space) in a way that reflects his/her personality.

### 3. RESEPTIVITY

- a. Be a good listener.
- b. Listen with empathy.
- c. Listen non-judgmentally.

### 4. REVELATION OF SELF

- a. Reveal who *you* are.
- b. Reveal the journeys of how you have grown into the person you are.
- c. Share yourself.
- d. Share your past, present, and dreams for the future.
- e. When you share your personal experiences with your teen, you invite him/her to do the same.

### 5. RESPONSIBILITY

- a. Give your teen choices.
- b. Hold your teenager accountable for the choices he/she makes.
- c. Help your teen set goals.
- d. Give your teen responsibilities at home.
- e. Hold regular family meetings.

## 6. RESOLVE

- a. Parent with purpose.
- b. Be consistent.
- c. Assert your values.
- d. Set clear limits.
- e. Follow through with appropriate consequences.

## 7. RECOGNITION

- a. Affirm positive behavior.
- b. Affirm personality qualities.
- c. Say *I love you*.
- d. Write your teenager a letter.
- e. Express loving physical affection.
- f. Trust in your teenager.
- g. Attend your teen's events.
- h. Accept your teenager for the person he/she is.

## 8. RECONCILIATION

- a. Admit your mistakes.
- b. Ask for forgiveness.
- c. Forgive those who have wronged you.

## 9. RELEASE

- a. Give your teenager more freedom as he/she demonstrates more responsibility.
- b. Encourage your teen to be his/her own person.
- c. When it is time for your teen to leave the nest, let him/her go.

## 10. ROLE-MODEL

- a. Model the very behavior that you want to see in your teenager as he/she grows into an adult.
- b. Teach by example...example...example.

FBS/EDGE (GRADE 9)

Schedule 2021-2022

Mondays, 6:55 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

\*\*EDGE Nights are an OPTIONAL leadership experience for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. Participation/absences from EDGE nights DO NOT count toward FBS attendance.

**Freshman  
Bible  
Study &  
EDGE-Youth Group  
Grade 9-Leaders**

UNIT I:

- Sept. 13 *Parent/Student Orientation*
- 20 **Class Period**
- 27 *\*EDGE-Serve as Leaders*
- Oct. 4 **Class Period**
- 11 *\*EDGE-Serve as Leaders*
- 18 **Class Period**
- 25 *\*EDGE-Halloween Party*
- Nov. 1 **Class Period**
- 8 *\*EDGE-Serve as Leaders*
- 18 **Class Period-(Virtus Lesson)**
- 22 *\*EDGE-Reconciliation*
- 29 **Class Period**
- Dec. 6 **Class Period**
- 13 *\*EDGE-Caroling*
- 20 *NO CLASS - (Christmas)*
- 27 *NO CLASS - (New Year)*

HOLIDAYS

- Dec. 20 **Christmas Break**
- Dec. 27 **New Year**
- Jan. 17 **Martin Luther King, Jr.**
- Feb. 21 **President’s Day**
- Apr. 11 **Spring Break**

NOTE:

Dates for Mass and Reconciliation Services:  
*November 22<sup>nd</sup> & March 15<sup>th</sup>*

UNIT II:

- Jan. 3 **Class Period**
- 10 *\*EDGE-Serve as Leaders*
- 17 *NO CLASS - (MLK)*
- 24 *\*EDGE-Serve as Leaders*
- 31 **Class Period**
- Feb. 7 **Class Period**
- 14 *\*EDGE-Serve as Leaders*
- 21 *NO CLASS - (President's Day)*
- 28 *\*EDGE-Serve as Leaders*
- Mar. 7 **Class Period**
- 14 *\*EDGE-Serve as Leaders*
- 21 **Class Period-(Reconciliation)**
- 28 *\*EDGE-Serve as Leaders*
- April 4 **Class Period**
- 11 *NO CLASS - (Spring Break)*
- 18 *Closing – (Church/Britt Hall) (6:55pm-8:30pm)*