

Faith Formation



FINDING HOPE IN THE NEW YEAR

As we begin the new year 2021, let us renew our commitment to upholding Christian family values in our homes and our society; uplifting our families to God in prayer and ask for God's strength to make our families holy. As we pray let us remember every family in the world,

particularly families that are experiencing great difficulty in living together or parents having trouble in caring for their children, and families who are grieving their loved ones taken from them due to COVID-19. This time at home has given us moments to encounter God; Through prayer and action, Christian households lead to a flourishing of the parish family. Remember that we are not the first ones to face difficult times, and nor are we alone.

•**In 2021, let's open up to #aNewBeginningWithJesus.** If you start every day with a quick prayer, then you've changed the whole day already!

•**Don't look for the pain.** It's all around us, and it can be overwhelming. Make it a point every day to look for the joy in the world and in your life. It's there!

•**Volunteer.** The best way to find hope is to give it. Volunteer to do something in your parish or community. There is always someone who needs you!

Blessings to a Happy New Year - St. Stephen Faith Formation

Newsletter

Happy Birthday




- January 3 Joshua Rodriguez
- January 12 Jebediah Rine
- January 13 Jose Amezola
- January 22 Esmeralda Suarez
- January 23 Jimena Palma
- January 24 Rodrigo Macteamama
- January 29 Marc Serna

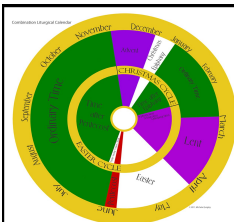


Mary, the Mother of God
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
 English Mass - Friday, January 1 - 9:00 AM
 Spanish Mass - Friday, January 1 - 11:00 AM

January Calendar



Wednesday, January 6	Faith Formation: preK-4th grade (5:30-6:30) Faith Formation: 5th-8th (7:00-8:00) <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> 
<i>Sunday, January 10</i>	<i>First Reconciliation Class (10-11 am)</i> <i>Young Group (1-3 pm)</i> <i>Home School Meeting (2 pm)</i>
Wednesday, January 13	Faith Formation: preK-4th grade (5:30-6:30) Faith Formation: 5th-8th (7:00-8:00)
<i>Sunday, January 17</i>	<i>First Reconciliation Class (10-11 am)</i>
Wednesday, January 20	Faith Formation Mass & Fellowship —6:00 pm NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
<i>Sunday, January 24</i>	<i>First Reconciliation Class (10-11 am)</i> <i>Young Group (1-3 pm)</i>
Wednesday, January 27	Faith Formation: preK-4th grade (5:30-6:30) Faith Formation: 5th-8th (7:00-8:00)
<i>Saturday, January 30</i>	<i>DCYC in Waco—High School/Confirmation Class</i>
Sunday, January 31	Faith Formation: preK-4th grade (5:30-6:30) Faith Formation: 5th-8th (7:00-8:00)



Fun Facts: The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which is celebrated on January 3. The first ten days of January fall during the liturgical season known as Christmas which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remaining days of January are the beginning of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Friday, January 1, 2021, 9:00 AM/11 AM
English/Spanish Mass - Holy Day of Obligation: Mary, Mother of God


Thursday, January 7, 2021, 9:00 - 10:30 AM
Women's Bible Study

Monday, January 11, 2021, 6:00 PM
Women's Society Meeting

Thursday, January 14th 2021,
9:00 -10:30AM Women's Bible Study
Friday, January 15, 2021, 11:00 - 12:00 PM
Adoration

Thursday, January 21st, 2021
9:00 - 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study
Friday, January 22, 2021
11:00 -12:00 PM Adoration

Thursday, January 28th, 2021
9:00 - 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study
Friday, January 29th, 2021
11:00 -12:00 PM Adoration

 **FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION**
Reconciliation Family Retreat- Saturday, February 6 (3-5:30 pm)
1st Reconciliation Celebration -Saturday, February 13 (9-12 noon)
Communion Parent Meeting - Sunday, February 21 (2 pm - English) (4 pm - Spanish)
First Communion Classes Begin - Sunday, February 28 (10-11 am)
Monday, January 25th - Conversion of Saint Paul Apostle
Thursday, January 28th - Saint Thomas Aquinas Priest and Doctor.
Reminder: "Father Jude will be on vacation the month of January."