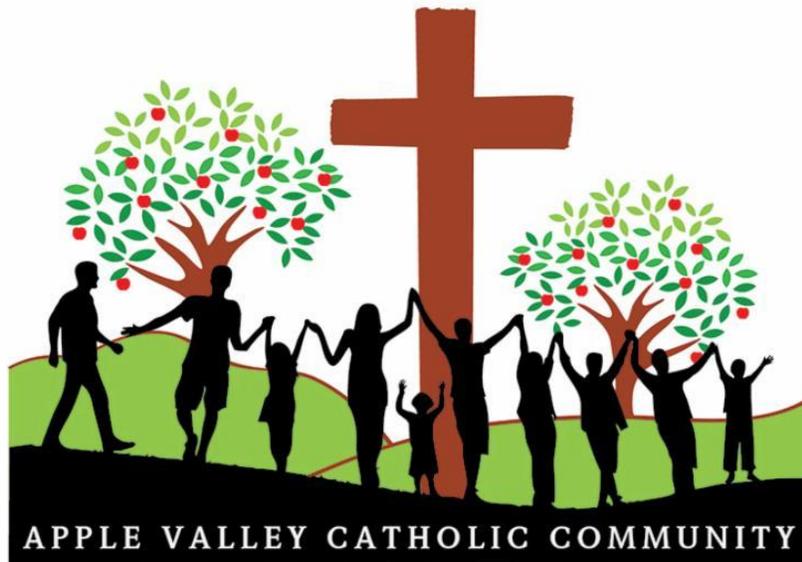


Resources for Discipleship

Faith Formation for 2017-2018



Serving the Mission of Jesus Christ

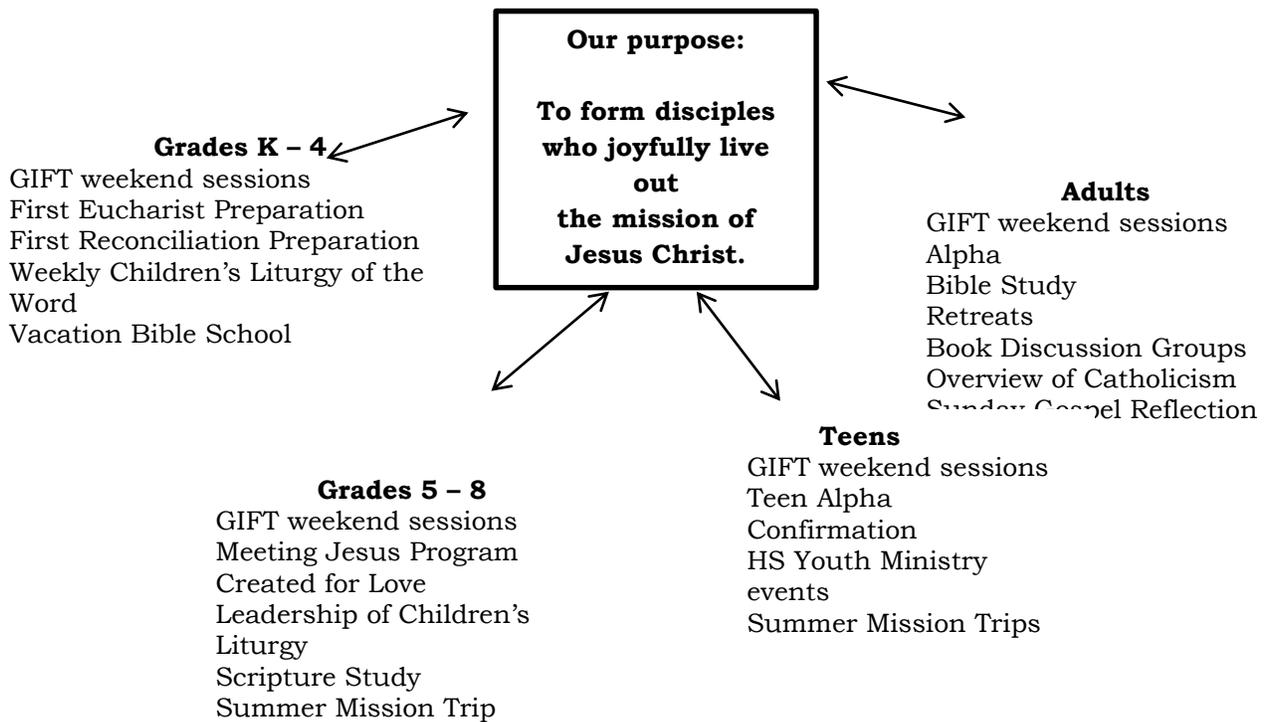
Helping All to Know, Love, and Follow Him Better

Jesus Christ loves us and all human beings. We are invited to receive the love of Christ in a personal way and respond by living from his love. Our baptism is the beginning of that life-long journey, and Eucharist supports and guides us as we walk it with the Lord and our community of Christian faith.

Introduction

The life, worship, activities, and programs in our collaborative are all intended to help you to know Jesus Christ more personally and to go forth ever more prepared to share the Good News with others. These all-important tasks cannot be accomplished quickly. We come to know Christ and his love gradually as we live our lives and celebrate our worship. Our readiness to respond also increases only over time. We ought to be patient, but are to keep moving forward—always.

This booklet represents a portion of all the collaborative offers to accompany its parishioners and others who come our way. It builds on what we have done up to now, and will be the starting point for future improvements.



The Sunday Eucharist is the heart of all efforts to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. There our community accompanies everyone on their journey of life and faith.

How to use this booklet

1. Make a prayerful assessment of where you and your loved ones are in your own process of knowing Jesus Christ, accepting his love for you, and responding to his call to mission. There are no right or wrong answers.
2. Renew your commitment to the Lord and what he offers and asks of you. You pick up and continue from wherever you are. Resolve to move forward.
3. The collaborative is committed to walking with you. Take account of all it offers, including what follows. Consider what would best support you and your household as you try to advance in the love and service of the Lord.
4. Sign up for those activities that offer what you need to respond to the Lord gratefully, personally, and more generously given where you are at this time.

Let us know if you have questions or concerns. We're here to help.

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Weekend GIFT Sessions for all ages

The weekend **GIFT sessions are a major part of what we offer.** GIFT is for everyone in the parish from ages 5 – 95! Sessions include a meal, an intergenerational opening, and an age appropriate breakout session. This year's program also includes a "24 Hours for the Lord" experience and a Pentecost concert with Mathias Michael.

Please note: At least one parent must register and attend GIFT with all children and youth in grades K – 10.

GIFT Dates 2017-18—Put them on your calendar now! ☺

Saturday @ 6:15 PM St. Isidore Church Hall (accessible)
Sunday @ 11:45 AM St. Elizabeth Church Hall
Sunday @ 6:15 PM St. Elizabeth Church Hall

Saturday Sept. 30 and Sunday October 1
Saturday Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3
Saturday, Jan. 20 and Sunday, Jan. 21
Friday, March 9 @ 6:00 PM - Saturday, March 10 @ 6:00 PM **24 Hours for the Lord**
Sunday, May 20 @ 5:00 Collaborative **Pentecost Celebration** with Mathias Michael

2017-18 Apple Valley Catholic Community Registration Form

Please submit this form, the volunteer sheet, and fee by Oct. 1. Registrations will be on a first-come, first served basis. A flat fee of \$100 per person will cover all courses, with the exception of book club books and off site experiences.

Household Last Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____
Street *Town* *Zip*

Email: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Home Parish: _____

Please list all household participants. Grades are as of September, 2017.

Name: _____ <i>First Middle Last</i>	DOB: _____	Grade: _____
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Name: _____ <i>First Middle Last</i>	DOB: _____	Grade: _____

Weekend GIFT Registration

_____ Saturday evening session: St. Isidore Church Hall (accessible) @ 6:15-8:45 PM
 _____ Sunday mid-day session: St. Elizabeth Church Hall @ 11:45 AM – 2:15 PM
 _____ Sunday evening session: St. Elizabeth Church Hall @ 6:15 – 8:45 PM

Name: _____	Breakout	K- 4	5-8	9-12	Adult
Name: _____	Breakout	K- 4	5-8	9-12	Adult
Name: _____	Breakout	K- 4	5-8	9-12	Adult
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Name: _____	Breakout	K- 4	5-8	9-12	Adult
Name: _____	Breakout	K- 4	5-8	9-12	Adult

Household Name: _____

Registration for Age-Specific Faith Formation Opportunities that Supplement Weekend GIFT Sessions

Please indicate number of household members that are interested in or will participate in each of the following events. Event coordinators will reach out to you with information and details. While **pre-registration is not necessary** for some activities, expressing your interest or intent helps us in the planning process.

Adults

Except for the purchase of books for the Bible studies and book discussions, there is no expected registration fee for adult programming offered within the collaborative. You can sign up to participate any time. The information is provided here as a courtesy to let you know of the upcoming events and to help with planning.

ALPHA

Alpha is a course on life and the Christian faith. It consists of 11 weekly sessions, plus a Friday evening/Saturday weekend retreat experience. Come to one of the Come and See sessions and check it out, then decide if you want to continue. **There is never a cost to participate and pre-registration is not required.**

Fall Adult Alpha – St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

___ Mondays, 9/18-12/4 @ 9:45 AM ___ Thursdays, 9/21-12/7 @ 6:30 PM

***Come & See Sessions:** Mon., Sept 18 at 9:45 AM
OR Thurs., Sept. 21 at 6:30 PM



Winter Adult Alpha – St. Isidore Church Hall

___ Sunday evenings 1/28-5/6 @ 6:30 PM (no session 2/4, 2/18 & 4/1)

***Come & See Session:** Sunday, January 28, 6:30 PM

Bible Study

Tuesday evenings 7:30 – 9 PM at St Elizabeth Parish Center, Room 1

___ **Fall Session** starts Sept. 19 ___ **Winter Session** starts Jan. 30

Spiritual Book Discussions

___ *Saints off the Pedestal* 9/27 – 10/25 @ 9:45 AM @ St. Elizabeth

___ *Saints off the Pedestal* 9/28 – 10/26 9:45 AM at St. Isidore

___ *7 Keys to Spiritual Wellness* – November 8 - Dec 13

___ *Perfectly Yourself: Discovering God's Dream for You*, by Matthew Kelly

___ Monday mornings at St. Elizabeth January 22 – April 2

___ Thursday mornings at St. Isidore-January 25 – April 5

___ **Overview of Catholicism:** 1/29 – 4/9 @ 6:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Parish Center

___ **Retreats:** I'm interested in off-site retreats like Cursillo and Marriage Encounter

Household Name: _____

Teens in Grades 9-12

Teen Alpha

_____ Fall Teen Alpha begins on Sunday 10/15 – 12/17 @ 6:15 PM

_____ Winter Alpha begins Tuesday, 1/9 – 3/20 @ 6:30 PM

_____ Spring Alpha begins Wednesday, 4/4- 6/13 @ 6:30 PM

_____ **Confirmation** typically occurs in Grade 10.
Please contact Jim Flanagan for exceptions.

_____ **HS Youth Ministry Events**

Grades 5 - 8

_____ **Meeting Jesus**

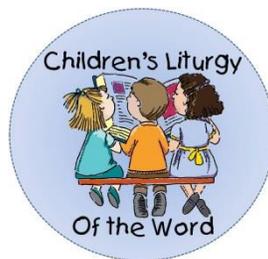
_____ Yes, I am interested in being an adult assistant in this course.

_____ **Being on the Children’s Liturgy Leadership Team for grades 7 – 8.**

_____ Yes, I am interested in being an adult leader in Children’s Liturgy of the Word. I will attend training on 9/27 @ 7:00 PM, St. Elizabeth

_____ **Created for Love**

Parents and Children in Grades K - 4



_____ **Children’s Liturgy of the Word**

_____ Yes, I am interested in being an adult leader in Children’s Liturgy of the Word.

_____ I will attend the 9/27 meeting at St. Elizabeth’s.

_____ **Sacramental Preparation** for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist
First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are typically celebrated in Grade 2. Please contact Diahne Goodwin for exceptions. You will be notified of parent meeting dates.

Home Parish
____ St. Elizabeth
____ St. Isidore
____ Other

Registration for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist 2017-18
All sacramental candidates must register for Growing in Faith Together.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are typically celebrated in Grade 2.
 For exceptions, please contact Diahne Goodwin diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org
Please duplicate form if you have more than 1 child in this program.

Child's Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Full Maiden Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Date of Baptism: (Month/Day/Year) _____ Child is not baptized: Please contact Diahne Goodwin

Baptism: Baptismal Faith: _____

Baptismal Church: _____

Church Address: _____

Town, State, Zip: _____

Baptism took place at ___St. Elizabeth ___St. Isidore: no action required
Baptism elsewhere, certificate attached
Baptism elsewhere, please have certificate faxed to SEOH (978-263-9014)
Baptism elsewhere, certificate previously submitted
Baptized in a non-Catholic church: Please contact Diahne Goodwin.

Please note: Your child cannot celebrate other sacraments without documented evidence of valid baptism. It is critical that we have this information as soon as possible. Thank you!

Please submit your sacramental preparation registration form with your household registration. To prepare for the sacrament each child must register and attend GIFT weekend sessions with a parent or other adult.

I have also completed the GIFT registration form for my child and accompanying adult.

_____ *Please initial*

Home Parish
_____ St. Isidore
_____ St. Elizabeth
_____ Other

Registration for Confirmation 2017-18

All sacramental candidates must also register for and attend Growing in Faith Together. Please duplicate form if you have more than 1 child in this program.

Confirmation preparation is in Grade 10. For exceptions, please contact Jim Flanagan Coordinator of Youth Ministries at 978-263-4305, ext. 23 or jim@applevalleycatholic.org

Candidate's Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Confirmation Candidate Email: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Full Maiden Name: _____

Candidate's Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Date of Baptism: (Month/Day/Year) _____

Baptism: Baptismal Faith _____

Baptismal Parish _____

Parish Address _____

Town, State, Zip _____

Baptism took place at ___ St. Elizabeth ___ St. Isidore: no action required

___ Baptism elsewhere, certificate attached

___ Baptism elsewhere, parents will have certificate faxed to SEOH (978-263-9014)

___ Baptism elsewhere, certificate previously submitted

___ Baptized in a non-Catholic church: Please contact Jim Flanagan

___ Child was not baptized: Please contact Jim Flanagan

___ First Communion took place at ___ St. Elizabeth ___ St. Isidore: no action required

Confirmation candidates must register with a parent, an older sibling, or a Confirmation sponsor who will serve as a mentor and discuss the faith issues discussed at GIFT with each teen. We recommend that adults participate fully in GIFT whether at the High School or in the Adult breakout sessions. However, if this is not possible, please attend the meal and the opening session with your teen.

Please submit your sacramental preparation form and with your complete GIFT registration.

I have completed the GIFT registration form for my child and accompanying adult.

_____ *Please initial*

Household Service Requirement

Faith Formation is a community experience. It takes many hands to make these events happen. We ask that each household who participates volunteer to help us at one event during the year. (Although you are, of course, welcome to volunteer more often!) Please put a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice. We will assign dates. You will be contacted to confirm your assignment. Thank you!!!

Name of volunteer: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred Session to help: Sat. PM Sunday 11:45 Sunday PM

Hospitality at Faith Formation Events

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| _____ GIFT Greeter | _____ ALPHA Cook |
| _____ GIFT Shopper | _____ ALPHA Kitchen Set Up |
| _____ GIFT Kitchen set up help | _____ ALPHA Kitchen Clean Up |
| _____ GIFT Kitchen clean up help | _____ ALPHA Shopper |
| _____ GIFT Set Up team (Meets Fridays before GIFT. St. E's @ 10:00 St. I's @ 1:30) | |
| _____ Saturday GIFT transportation of meal from St. Elizabeth's to St. Isidore's | |

Program Assistance

- _____ Assist with First Reconciliation and First Eucharist programs
- _____ Assist in the K - 4 GIFT Breakouts
- _____ Assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word
- _____ Musician for Children's Liturgy of the Word

- _____ Assist with Middle School Meeting Jesus Program
- _____ Assist with Middle School Breakouts
- _____ Assist with Middle School Youth Ministry events

- _____ Confirmation Group Leader
- _____ Teen Alpha Team
- _____ Assist with HS Breakouts
- _____ Assist with HS Youth Ministry events

- _____ Adult Alpha Team
- _____ Social Media communications

Registration Fees

Return registration forms and full tuition by Oct. 1. Forms and checks may be mailed in, dropped off at parish offices during office hours, or submitted to a staff member after any Mass. Staff will also be available to answer your specific questions after all Masses the weekend of Sept. 16 – 17.

Flat registration fee is \$100 per person. **At least one parent must register, pay, and attend with students in grades K – 10.** This covers participation for all household members at any and/or all discipleship activities and events this year with the following exceptions.

- There is a household maximum flat fee of \$500.
- Children under age 5 by 9/1/2017 attend free.
- There is no charge for participants 65 and over.

Please note:

- There may be additional fees for offsite events, book club books, or other special supplies.
- Some service related activities may involve fundraising as part of the experience.

No one is ever denied faith formation due to financial hardship. Scholarships may be available. Please contact Barbara Dane, Director of Faith Formation, for more information.

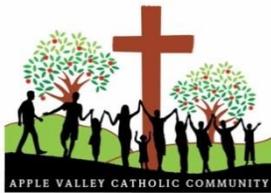
Registration Fee Description	Rate	Amount
Number of household members between 5 and 64	x \$100	
Number of household members 65+	0	
Subtotal or \$500 Household Maximum, whichever is lower		
Donations to our scholarship fund are gratefully accepted		
Total due at registration		

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Supporting discipleship for everyone in the collaborative and beyond!
Our purpose: To form disciples who joyfully live out the mission of Jesus Christ