

Notre Dame de la Mer Parish
Faith-Filled Events (updated 8/17/20)
Guidelines for 2020-2021

This Diocesan initiated addition to the Faith Formation Programs has been in effect for a few years across the Diocese, but new to our Parish. According to the National Directory of Catechesis (NC 48.E.2), "Catechesis which involves the whole family is a particularly effective method of catechesis for young children because it helps parents become more confident in sharing their faith with their children and encouraging their children's emerging faith..."

*All children registered in the PREP/Faith Formation program are required to attend **six (6)** Intergenerational Faith Events or Faith-Filled Events with their families during the year.

*At this moment in time NDDLMP Parish will not be offering parish events. Use your imagination. I will except pretty much anything, during this difficult time, as a FFE as long as the child can tell me how faith was included. Attached is a list of some examples of events/experiences that a student/family might participate in. However, if you have an idea for a family faith event or experience, please do not hesitate to mention it to us. Out of Parish students may do events at their home parish.

*For students in 1-6th Grade use the Christ in Us online portal for some ideas and resources. Log in to the portal using your parent user name (First initial and last name) and password (SI2020). There is a purple box that says **Parent Resources** this may help. You also can look under each UNIT for a section called **Practical Ideas for Nurturing Faith in Young.**

*Ideally, all members of the family would be involved in these events/experiences together, but this is not mandatory. Grandparents and extended members of the family can be included and are encouraged to attend/participate.

*We encourage all students and families to do community service hours together. Some service hours may also be used as an Intergenerational Event if other family members participate. Confirmation students have an additional 15 hours of community service. They may not use the same event for both.

*Each child in the program will fill out an Intergenerational Events Reflection Form after they have attended their six (6) events and return it. Once all six (6) are completed, you may hand it in at class, the PREP Office or the Welcome Center in church. If you are Out of Parish you can hand it in to your parish along with the letter of completion.

*Students may not move ahead to the next PREP level until this is completed and approved.

*The event year will be from **May 1, 2020-April 30, 2021.**

The reflection form is due before April 30, 2021 for all children in the program except the Confirmation class. All forms will be due before Confirmation. The date will be determined when I know the date of Confirmation from the Diocese. Please get a head start so you are not trying to get them all in at the last minute.

We hope that family participation in faith filled activities will be a source of great joy for everyone involved. Thank you for your commitment to take this requirement seriously.

List of examples for Faith-Filled Events for 2020-2021 PREP year.

EVENT DATE	NAME OF EVENT	TIME/PLACE
All Thursdays	Eucharistic Adoration	9am-10am Assumption Church
Mon-Friday	Daily Mass	8:30am Assumption Church
Anytime	Welcome the Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Lourdes	One week in your home; say special prayers, rosary
Anytime	Welcome the Vocations Cross into your home, pray for vocations	One week in your home; say special prayers
Anytime	Visit a local shrine	Your choice
Anytime	Attend a Mission/Retreat event	Your choice
Anytime	Witness a Sacrament-Wedding, Baptism, Holy Orders, First Holy Communion or Confirmation Mass	Any Catholic Church
Anytime	Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation	See Bulletin for times at NDDLML or any church
Anytime	Assist a Parent volunteering in the Parish Welcome Center	Any Saturday or Sunday at St. Ann or Assumption Church
Anytime	Join Children's Choir When available	Check Bulletin for time and place
Anytime	Read Bible Stories as a family	
Anytime	Pray Rosary as a family	
Anytime	Gratitude Journal	For a month
Anytime	Get well cards for Homebound	Make 5 cards and bring to the office
Anytime	Make a meal for an elderly or sick neighbor and say a prayer for them	
Anytime	Read books or stories about our faith and discuss as a family.	If there is a subject you want to know more about let me know and I will find something. You may pick different subjects and do more than once.
Anytime	Read about the Saints.	You many choice different Saints and do more than once.
August 15	Feast of the Assumption Mass	9:00 am Assumption Church
September	Patriotic Rosary	Check bulletin for date
October	Right to Life Chain/Rosary Not sure if they will still have it???	Check bulletin for date & time, Rio Grande, NJ
October	Blessing of the Animals Not sure how this will be handled yet???	Check Bulletin for date & time, St. Ann Church
October 31	Feast of All Saints Vigil Mass	Check Bulletin for time and place
November 2	All Souls mass	Check Bulletin for time and place
November 22, 2020	Do advent wreath as a family	Four Sundays in Advent at home
November 26, 2020	Thanksgiving Mass	Check Bulletin for time and place

December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass, holyday of obligation	Check Bulletin for time and place
December 12	Our Lady of Guadeloupe Mass	Check Bulletin for time and place
December	Advent Penance Liturgy	Check Bulletin for time and place
December	Donate a gift to the Parish giving tree and say the rosary for the family receiving the gift	Donation taken at either church and given to local families in need.
December	Family Blessing of the Christmas Tree and Manger. Read the Nativity Story from the Bible, Luke 2:1-20. Email me or come to office for a prayer for the blessing	Your home, with your entire immediate family.
January 1, 2020	Attend Mass: Solemnity of Mary, holyday of obligation	Any Catholic Church
February 10, 2021	First Reconciliation	Assumption Church 6:00 pm
February 17, 2021	Ash Wednesday	Check Bulletin for time and place
Lent Events	Stations of the Cross	Check Bulletin for details or do on your own at home
March	Lenten Penance Service	Check Bulletin for time and place
April 1, 2021	Holy Thursday Mass	Check Bulletin for details
April 2, 2021	Good Friday Services	Check Bulletin for details
April 3, 2021	Blessing of the Baskets	Check Bulletin for time and place