



SOWING THE SEEDS:
COLLABORATIVE CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAM

St. Paul the Apostle & St. Rita of Cascia Parishes

October 2011

Schedule of Classes

<u>CHILD MINISTRY</u>	<u>YOUTH MINISTRY</u>
<p>At St. Paul Preschool – Sundays during 10:30 Mass in the East Wing Classrooms October 16, 23, November 6, 13, 20</p> <p>Grades 1 thru 5—Sundays, 9:15-10:15 AM in the East Wing Classrooms October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20</p> <p>At St. Rita Preschool—1st & 3rd Sundays during 10:30 Mass in school building October 16, November 6 & 20</p> <p>Grades K5 thru 5—Wednesdays 6:15-7:15PM in the school building October 12, 19, 26, November 9, 16, 30 <i>Please note the following scheduled days off: November 2, 23</i></p>	<p>The Edge Middle School Program Wednesdays 6:15–7:45PM at St. Rita (Cascia Hall) – 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30, and 12/14. <i>Please note the following scheduled days off: 10/19, 11/23, and 12/7.</i></p> <p>CREDO Catholic High School program Sundays 7:00–8:30PM at St. Paul the Apostle (Fr. Cox Hall) – 10/23, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18. <i>Please note the following scheduled days off: 10/16, 10/30 (Six Flags Trip), and 11/27.</i></p> <p>Confirmation Preparation Sunday Afternoons 1:00-2:30PM starting on January 8th @ St. Paul the Apostle – Fr. Cox Hall.</p>



Check out the New Youth Ministry Website

credocatholicracine.com



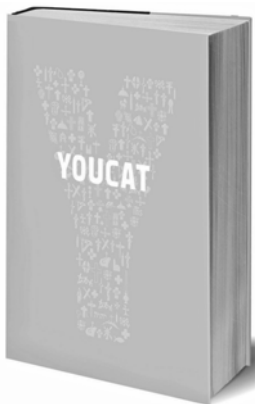
What's with the names? Edge and Credo Catholic

EDGE

When young adolescents hit grades six, seven, and eight, lots of crazy things happen. They are not really children anymore, but they are not adults either. They are in a place we could call... The Edge.

Middle school and junior high youth have unique challenges that the Catholic Church must meet, or we run the risk of spiritually losing them. Edge is a solid Catholic youth group that specifically meets the unique social, spiritual, psychological, and intellectual needs of middle school students.

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*“Study this Catechism!
This is my heartfelt desire.
Study this Catechism with
passion and perseverance.
Study it in the quiet of your
room; read it with a friend;
form study groups and
networks; share with each
other on the internet.” -
Pope Benedict XVI*

Credo Catholic

What's with the name? It sounds like cradle Catholic. Well, it does. It's a play on words, however the new youth ministry name actually describes exactly what Youth Ministry at St. Paul and St. Rita is all about.

"Credo" is a Latin word that means "I believe" and it is a fitting name because this year we will all be learning what a **Catholic believes** and how a **believing Catholic** lives. At the end of the year everyone will hopefully be able to more firmly say "Credo Catholic", that is, "I believe in what the Catholic Church teaches and want to live as a believing Catholic lives."

The new Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

YOUCAT stands for "Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church" and it is not as goofy as it sounds. The book has been in the works for awhile and has the endorsement of some pretty important people, like Pope Benedict XVI. It was even given out for free at this year's World Youth Day in Madrid. The Pope even

wrote the Forward!

Anyways, the YOUCAT has the standard Catechism name, however it is something entirely new and exciting. It shows what the Catholic Church believes today and how one can with good reason believe. It is pretty much your answer book (it is in question and answer format!) treating fundamental

answers to questions like "Why did God create us?" and "Why does God not prevent evil?". Go to www.ignatius.com/promotions/youcat/ for more information. If you can't tell, I am very excited about this new and valuable resource, which will serve as the main text in Credo and Confirmation Prep.

A Personal Introduction and Thank You from the New Director of Youth Ministry

I would like to thank the parishioners at both St. Paul and St. Rita for their very Christian witness, as everyone has been quite welcoming and helpful during my first two months as director. In August, I wasn't sure how the middle school and high school programs would go; however I quickly had parishioners volunteering as catechists and parents consistently bringing their teens to class every

week. Therefore, I must thank both parish staffs, the dedicated catechists, and the just as dedicated parents, who have been driving their kids to class and continuing catechesis at home.

If I have not met you yet, I look forward to doing so. I have been married for three years to my wife Justine, and we actually just had our first child, Theodore, on Sept. 27th. I recently graduated with an M.A.

in Theology from Ave Maria University in Ave Maria, FL, and before that completed a B.A. in Psychology from Illinois State University. Throughout those six years in college, I also volunteered in a variety of college and high school ministries and studied theology vigorously. What a blessing it is to teach Christ and the Catholic Faith to the young people of Racine!



Child Ministry Corner

Up coming Events

Sacramental Prep Meetings

Sacramental Prep Parent Meetings are Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30 PM at St. Rita (Cascia Hall) OR Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 PM at St. Paul the Apostle (Fr. Cox Hall.)

Halloween Party

October 30th 11:30AM -1 PM at St. Paul the Apostle . Pumpkin decorating, face painting, games & prizes. Free, but reservations are requested. Call 886-0530

Safeguarding All God's Children Sessions

Grades K5 thru 5 will have the Safeguarding sessions on Sunday, October 23rd and Wednesday, October 26 during the regular class period. Remember if you do not wish your child to participate in these sessions we need to have the waiver that was in your parent packet signed and returned to our office by October 19th. These sessions are mandated by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

St. Nick's Workshop

Friday, December 2 5:30-8:30PM

Come make gifts for up to 3 family members, watch a Christmas movie and play reindeer games. A great way for parents to have a night out or get a start on your Christmas shopping. Cost is \$ 15- a hot dog dinner is included. Watch for registration forms.



Don't Forget!!

- Turn in Photo Release Forms
- Sacrament registration forms are past due!!
- Daylight Savings ends November 6



Saint of the Month: St. Teresa of Avila

Feast Day: October 15

As a young girl, Teresa and her brother

Rodrigo loved to read the stories of the saints and martyrs. They believed that martyrs go to heaven the easy way. The two children set out secretly to go to the land of the Moors. As they walked along, they prayed that they might die for Christ. But they had not gotten far when they met an uncle. He took them back to their worried mother at once. Next the chil-

dren decided to be hermits in their garden. This didn't work out either. They could not get enough stones together to build their huts. St. Teresa herself wrote down these amusing stories of her childhood. The fact is that when she grew to be a teenager, however, she changed. Teresa read so many novels and foolish romances that she lost much of her love for prayer. She began to think more of dressing up to look pretty. But after she recovered from a bad illness, Teresa read a book about the great St. Jerome. Then and

there, she made up her mind to become a bride of Christ. As a nun, Teresa often found it hard to pray. Besides that, she had poor health. Teresa wasted time every day in long, foolish conversations. But one day, in front of a picture of Jesus, she felt great sorrow that she did not love God more. She started then to live for Jesus alone, no matter what sacrifice had to be made. In return for her love, the Lord gave St. Teresa the privilege of hearing him talk to her. She learned to pray in a marvelous way, too. St. Teresa

of Avila is famous for having opened new Carmelite convents. These convents were filled with sisters who wanted to live holy lives. They made many sacrifices for Jesus. Teresa herself gave them the example. She prayed with great love and worked hard at the convent tasks. St. Teresa was a great leader and true lover of Jesus and his Church. She died in 1582 and was proclaimed a saint by Pope Gregory XV in 1622. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970. Taken from <http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net>

At Home Activities

Want to reinforce the lessons your child is learning in Christian Formation at home? Here is a fun activity to do with your family for the month of October: **Ecology Walk-**

Materials

For each family member:
one disposable plastic glove
one empty plastic grocery bag

After discussing different ways that we can take care of God's creation, tell the children that they can take care of creation by keeping your neighborhood clean. As a family go for a walk around your neighborhood and pick up any paper, plastic, or aluminum. After a few minutes talk about the litter they found and the im-

portance of recycling. Help the children put the recyclable materials they found in the appropriate bins and the rest of the litter in the appropriate places.

Taken from www.loyolapress.org



St. Francis of Assisi
Patron Saint of Ecology
October 4

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**Matthew 25 Ministry At St. Paul/
Sharing Sunday at St. Rita**

Food Donations- Families are encouraged to bring in items for our local food pantry.

October's item of the month is Toilet Paper.

Help your children learn about caring for the poor and vulnerable by donating food & household items. Other items that are always needed are: canned fruit, Peanut Butter, beef Stew, tuna, canned meat, and canned pasta with meat.

Six Flags Fright Fest Youth Ministry Trip

All religious education students in grades 6-12 are invited to Six Flags on Oct. 30th! It will cost \$45 for admission and transportation, and a bus will be leaving St. Paul at 10am and returning at 8:30pm. If you are interested, you can pick up a flyer and permission slip in both parish narthexes or print a copy from both parish websites, under the tab "religious education" or "Christian Formation". Everything is due to Jonathan Bator at the St. Paul parish office by Monday Oct. 24th at the latest.



St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us!

Prayer is essential to the Christian life and therefore we make prayer a priority in all the Christian Formation programs. For example, at Edge and Credo Catholic the teens and I learn and pray some of the cherished prayers of the Catholic Faith. This Fall we have already learned the scriptural grounding and revealed nature of the Our Father and Hail Mary, spent 15 minutes in silent prayer (learning that silent prayer should be a daily priority),

and prayed to St. Michael the Archangel for divine and protection from Satan. In November and December the teens will also have the opportunity to learn and pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy together as a group. To the right is a prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. It is a great reminder that we all need divine help and protection from God. May God bless you and your family as you pray together at home.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

