

Our Lady of Lourdes is a pilgrim church coming to know the Kingdom of God by being Christ to the world

Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Church

August 2017

Here Comes Everybody - Time for GIFT

Dear Parishioners,

As usual, the summer is moving very quickly. I hope that you have been able to enjoy your summer and the time spent with friends and family. For those of you I have not yet had the opportunity to meet, my name is Taylor, and I am the new youth minister. I am very excited to be at Lourdes and appreciate the warm welcome I have received.

My first few months have been a whirlwind! I have been busy settling in, planning retreats, preparing for GIFT, and learning about Lourdes and the wonderful individuals and families that call this parish home. This past weekend, I had the opportunity to spend time on retreat with the Teen Action Group (TAG). These leaders in grades 6-12 meet monthly to help plan, lead, and evaluate our youth ministry programs. I cannot tell you enough how much of a blessing it is to have a group like this at our parish! I was so impressed with all of the TAG members! When I think about this weekend, the only word that seems to fit is gratitude. I am so thankful for the youth who were able to voice their hopes and dreams for themselves and their peers. I am also thankful that Lourdes is a parish that supports and empowers its young people as they grow in their faith.

The parish community also helps young people grow in their faith through GIFT. Having gone through a lifelong faith formation program myself, I know how important it is to have families and members of the parish gather together to pray and learn. **That is why I am excited to invite everyone to register for GIFT this year.** Our theme is "Here Comes Everybody!" From my time at Lourdes so far, it is clear that this is a very welcoming community. It is always good, however, to remind ourselves that the Body of Christ truly is made up of everyone. We have some excellent topics, amazing presenters, engaging catechists, and talented cooks and kitchen helpers lined up. We also are blessed to have you, the participants. Your attendance, participation, and desire to continue to live and grow in your faith is what makes this community as vibrant as it is.

I would encourage everyone to come to GIFT. If you have never been, check the schedule, and join us for one evening. If you are a regular, invite a friend to join you. If you are interested in learning more about GIFT or finding out how you can help, please feel free to stop in or call the formation office. I look forward to meeting everyone this coming year. See you at GIFT!

Peace,
Taylor Baar
Youth Minister

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As of M/DD/YY Pledge Contributions

Weekly/Monthly Offering \$ 0.00..... \$ 0.00

ALL PARISH FUNDS..... \$ 0.00

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2017-2018 CALENDAR

HERE COMES
EVERYBODY!

Each **HOUSEHOLD** is asked to choose either the **Sunday** or **Monday** session.

(Movement between sessions, as necessary, just requires a call to the office.)

Dates	Times	Topic and Presenter
2017		
Sunday, September 17 OR Monday, September 18	11:45 am - 2:30 pm 5:30 pm - 8:15pm	Gaudium et what?: Joy & Hope for the Church Nancie Chmielewski
Sunday, October 1 OR Monday, October 2	11:45 am - 2:30 pm 5:30 pm - 8:15pm	Living Eucharist Rick Cesar, RORI/Haiti mis- sioners Deacon Mike Chmielewski
Sunday, October 22 OR Monday, October 23	11:45 am - 2:30 pm 5:30 pm - 8:15pm	Post Cards From the Road: The Letter of James Tom Chmielewski / Harry Fleddermann
Sunday, November 12 OR Monday, November 13	11:45 am - 2:30 pm 5:30 pm - 8:15pm	Saints and Sinners: The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly Chad Griesel
Sunday, December 10 OR Monday, December 11	11:45 am - 2:30 pm 5:30 pm - 8:15pm	All are Welcome...Really? Emily Schumacher-Novak
2018		
Sunday, January 7 OR Monday, January 8	11:45 am - 2:30 pm 5:30 pm - 8:15pm	Baptism: Taking the Plunge Mary Osep
Sunday, January 28 OR Monday, January 29	11:45 am - 2:30 pm 5:30 pm - 8:15pm	A Walk through the Mass: Why We Do What We Do Steve Szymanski
Sunday, February 18 OR Monday, February 19	11:45 am - 2:30 pm 5:30 pm - 8:15pm	Slavery in Our Midst: Human Trafficking Panel
Sunday, March 18 OR Monday, March 19	11:45 am - 2:30 pm 5:30 pm - 8:15pm	Hidden in Plain Sight: The Symbols of Triduum Chris Deily/Deb Steppe
Sunday, April 15 OR Monday, April 16	11:45 am - 2:30 pm 5:30 pm - 8:15pm	Our Common Home: Laudato Si Steve Szymanski



2017-2018 REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form and return it to the parish office.

HOUSEHOLD LAST NAME: _____

Members who will be participating in GIFT: (Please print legibly)

Name _____ Adult _____

Name _____ Adult _____

Name _____ Age _____ Grade 2017/18 _____

School _____

Name _____ Age _____ Grade 2017/18 _____

School _____

Name _____ Age _____ Grade 2017/18 _____

School _____

Name _____ Age _____ Grade 2017/18 _____

School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone _____

Email: _____ ** Okay to text to cell # ? _____

In case of emergency, call: Name _____ Telephone: _____

☆☆☆ If Mother and Father are at different addresses and both request information, please indicate second address:

Name: _____ Religion: _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home phone: _____ Cell #: _____ Email: _____

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**GIFT
SESSIONS**

Each HOUSEHOLD is asked to choose the SUNDAY or MONDAY session for the year. Movement between sessions, as needed, just requires a phone call to the office.

_____ SUNDAY 11:45am- 2:30pm (Lunch)

_____ MONDAY 5:30-- 8:15pm (Dinner)

**GIFT
FEES**

SEASON PASS (Good for all 10 Sessions PLUS MEALS!)

_____ \$ 120 Household...1-2 Adults

_____ \$ 200 Household with 1 child (K4-Gr. 11)

_____ \$ 280 Household with 2 children

_____ \$ 360 Household with 3 children

_____ \$ 440 Household with 4 or more children

*** NO FEE for children age 3 and under ***

_____ \$ 100 SENIOR HOUSEHOLD (65 years and older)

☆☆☆The GIFT fees include all program /sacrament materials, meals, and expenses.

Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes and remit to the Parish Office by **LABOR DAY WEEKEND, September 2-4, 2017.**

Choose one of the following payment methods:

- Fee paid in full with registration
- Cash or Check payments throughout the year
- WeShare online payment (see ololmke.weshareonline.org)

Special Needs / Medications / Allergies - Please indicate for any / all participants

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Welcome to GIFT!

What is GIFT?

- ✚ GIFT is: "Generations in Faith Together"
- ✚ An Innovative Approach to faith formation for everyone!!
- ✚ **GIFT IS OUR PROGRAM OF FAITH FORMATION**
- ✚ It is a true Intergenerational learning experience as singles, seniors, couples and families/households of all varieties and forms gather to grow in faith together.

We gather 10 times per year, between September and April, approximately every 3 weeks

Our Gatherings include:

- ✚ A delicious Prepared Meal so we can relax, eat together, and socialize:
- ✚ An Opening Experience that is an introduction to the theme of the session.
- ✚ Learning Sessions on the topic that are age appropriate
- ✚ A brief closing activity that takes a variety of forms

Resources for Sharing at Home

Why GIFT?

The answer to this question is really a series of questions:

- ✚ How might we offer Catholic Christians a method of faith formation that speaks to both their lives and the world we live in?
- ✚ How can we walk with those people who desire to be the Light of Christ in their communities?
- ✚ How do we help strengthen those who still feel that faith is a priority, but struggle in commitment?
- ✚ How do we make sense of all that is part and parcel of Catholicism?
- ✚ How can we live our faith and grow in it in the day to day of family life, jobs, etc.?
- ✚ How can we create a "norm" for living the Gospel message? Or, for even simply talking about God and praying in our homes?

When is GIFT??

- ✚ GIFT takes place about every 3 to 4 weeks from September through April
- ✚ You would choose to come on a Sunday after the 10:30 Liturgy (about 11:45am) and expect to stay until 2:15pm OR come Monday evening at 5:30pm until about 8:15pm
- ✚ Households with school aged children:
 - Our expectation is that you will be in attendance the entire 10 sessions each year.
 - IF YOUR CHILD IS PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS, YOU WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN A SEPARATE PREPARATION PROGRAM**
- ✚ Households without school aged children have the option of signing up for Individual sessions.

How Much does GIFT cost?

- ✚ Meals, Sacrament Prep materials, and all supplies are included in the tuition fee
- ✚ Fees vary according to the size of the household
- ✚ There is a discount for Seniors!
- ✚ Please see current year registration form for exact fees
- ✚ Payments can be made in full or quarterly; Tuition scholarships are also available

Kindly contact Taylor Baar, Steve Szymanski or Jenni Sladky, at 414-545-4316 for more information