## Gather

GATHER elements are a way for us to join together as the community of St. Francis to celebrate and learn about our Catholic faith. They include Together in Faith for Households, for Adults, and Worship events, Sunday Gospel reflections and the SFA Encounter.

He remembers forever His covenant, the word He commanded for a thousand generations. –Psalm 105:8

Past Months -Link to activities and replays from previous months

## Together in Faith for Households

Together in Faith for Households is for everyone! Whether single, married, kids or no kids. It is a time for everyone in the home! It takes place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6:30-7:30p.m.\* The next edition is March 10.

We are excited to invite your household to an in-person Together in Faith for Households on **Wednesday, March 10.** We will gather together as a community in the church, sing praise and worship, and learn more about our theme for March.

Did you miss the February edition? Watch the <u>Part 1</u> & <u>Part 2</u> of the replay! Don't have time to watch the whole thing? Check out:

- The teaching on Baptism & renewal of Baptismal Vows
- Conversation with John on his journey to Become Catholic

We realized that the YouTube stream cut out and the Renewal of Marriage Vows was not seen by those attending virtually. Fr. Ray generously took time to re-record that section for those at home to participate. Watch the **Renewal of Marriage Vows**!

# Together in Faith for Adults

We have finished with our Together in Faith sessions for adults for this year.

Did you miss the January session? View the **replay here**.

### Together in Faith Worship

This event is for all. It is a chance to pray and worship in a variety of ways. These events take place on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 5:00p.m. The next edition is March 21.

Join us in person or via the **Parish YouTube channel** for Stations of the Cross with a musical element.

Did you miss the February Edition Lenten Prayer Journey? Watch the replay!

#### Good News

Spending time in prayer with the readings before Mass will significantly reinforce your comprehension of and provide an opportunity to reflect on the Word of the Lord as it is proclaimed. Whether you begin with a literal read, listening to a podcast, or watching a video reflection, you open your heart to a deeper dive with our Lord. Go

to <a href="https://bible.usccb.org/">https://bible.usccb.org/</a> to find the Scriptures for not only Sunday, but for every day. Also, check out one of the weekly Sunday Gospel reflections below.

### February 21

- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Teen Reflection from LifeTeen
- Adult Reflection

#### February 28

- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Teen Reflection from LifeTeen
- Adult Reflection

Want to revisit a reflection from past weeks? Children and adult reflections <u>are here</u>.

Teen reflections <u>are here</u>.

#### SFA Encounter

Stay connected with other Together in Faith households by completing an activity and sharing on the private Facebook group. Don't have Facebook? Email to Heather at <a href="https://hread.org">hrohe@saintfrancischurch.org</a> and she can add it for you.

**February-**Lent is a time to prepare for the resurrection of Jesus on Easter. We pray, fast, and give individually, as a household, and with the St. Francis of Assisi parish. One thing we all give up during this time is using the Alleluia during Mass. Giving up a word can seem a bit abstract, especially for young children. Burying Alleluia makes the idea more concrete as the symbolism represented is powerful. The written word is placed in a box, sealed, and then put away until Easter. With this in mind, households are encouraged to decorate and bury the Alleluia included in the take away bag. Additional

copies can be downloaded on the website under GROW so each person in the household can decorate and include his or her own Alleluia in the burial, if desired. As you complete this activity, take a picture and post it to the Together in Faith Facebook group or e-mail your photo to Heather Rohe at <a href="https://hrohe@saintfrancischurch.org">hrohe@saintfrancischurch.org</a> and she will post it for you. We pray that this activity will draw your household closer to God during this Lenten season.