



### Curious about the Catholic Faith?

RCIA is a program for adults and older children who are thinking about becoming Catholic. Everyone starts out as an **Inquirer**. When ready to make a commitment, you become a **catechumen** or **candidate**.

**Inquirers:** Tuesdays - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.  
Meets year round, start anytime

**Catechumens & Candidates:**  
Sundays - 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.  
Meets October to May



March 10<sup>th</sup> - Session 7

March 17<sup>th</sup> - Session 8

We meet in Ashland House at 9:45 a.m.

Please pray for these adults who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>:



- David Pierce (Bap, Conf, FC)
- Carol Pittner (Bap, Conf, FC)
- Karil Courtenay (Conf, FC)
- Josefina Ondo (Conf)
- Kathy Rivera (Conf)



### Upcoming Youth Group Events

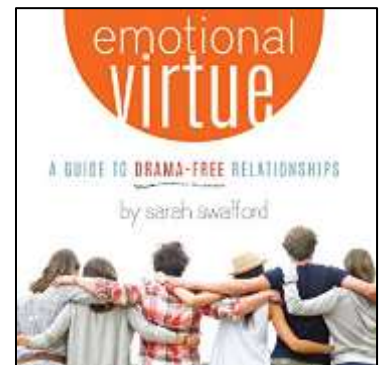
Sundays 6:15 to 8 p.m. in Ashland House

ALL public and Catholic school students in middle & high school (Grades 6 to 12) are welcome.

- Sun, March 10<sup>th</sup> - Youth Mass @ 5 p.m.  
- **Confirmation Class:** Confirmation
- Fri, March 15<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group: Serve at K of C Fish Fry
- Sun, March 17<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group: Emotional Virtue, Part 1
- Sun, March 24<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group: Emotional Virtue, Part 2
- Sun, March 31<sup>st</sup> - Youth Group: Emotional Virtue, Part 3
- Sun, April 7<sup>th</sup> - Tidewater Regional Youth Group Event

\*\*\* All Fridays during Lent \*\*\*

Youth Group members are asked to help with set-up for Dinner with Deacon Mike and as altar servers for Stations of the Cross.



Steubenville - June 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>

All high school students who would like to attend the Youth Conference at Steubenville this summer are asked to contact Mrs. Ficca by March 17<sup>th</sup>! Space is limited!

### Confirmation Information

Rehearsal - April 7<sup>th</sup> after 11 a.m. Mass

Confirmation - April 10<sup>th</sup> @ St. Pius X

Please pray for our teens who will be confirmed on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>:



- Tyler Gustason
- Divine Satchivi
- Noah Vitug

Save the Date for CTK's  
**Roar! Vacation Bible School!**  
 July 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup>  
 9:15 a.m. to 12 noon - Ages 5 to 12



A meeting for adult and teen volunteers will be held on **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** in Ashland House. We need at least 4 adult and 4 teen volunteers to run this program.



**All** are invited to join our First Communion parents for **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist!** Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Ashland House

March 21<sup>st</sup> – Session 1: God Is with Us  
 March 28<sup>th</sup> – Session 2: The Story of the Eucharist  
 April 4<sup>th</sup> – Session 3: Bread for the Journey  
 April 11<sup>th</sup> – Session 4: Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist



6<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Men's Conference  
 Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 St. Bede's, Williamsburg

Register online at [www.cdrcmfl.org](http://www.cdrcmfl.org)  
 Contact Steve Cyrs (757) 635-7590 or Janet Ficca (757) 646-2684 for more

**Baptismal Preparation for Infants & Children**



Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
 Godparents must attend 2<sup>nd</sup> half.  
 Please contact Mrs. Ficca to register.



Regional Lenten Reconciliation Service  
 Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.  
 Christ the King Church

**Q** What is the third stage of Christian initiation, and what happens during this period?

**A** The third stage in the process is the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, which coincides with Lent. With its dual theme of Baptism and repentance, this is the final stage for those preparing to enter into the Paschal Mystery through Baptism at the Easter Vigil. The period begins after the Rite of Election, when catechumens become "the elect." The community walks with them, pondering the same themes as they also prepare to experience the Paschal Mystery at Easter. This is an intense retreat time for the elect—more spiritual than catechetical—a time to pray and reflect, and to know Christ more intimately. The parish celebrates the three scrutinies with them—powerful prayers that "uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful" in their hearts (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, 141). The elect may also be presented with the Creed and the Lord's Prayer.



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