10th Grade Faith Formation Calendar
2017-2018
(Wednesdays - 8:15 – 9:30 p.m. - unless noted otherwise)

Date	Topic	Curriculum Category (USCCB)
September 13 (@ OLIH)	**Opening Prayer Service – Grades 9-12**	Liturgical/Community
September 27	**Picture Perfect** (Sacramental Nature of the Church)	Sacraments
October 11	**Mission Confirmed** (The Sacrament of Confirmation)	Sacraments
October 25	**Fire, Wind, Water @ OLIH** (Confirmation)	Confirmation
October 30 (@OLIH)	**Beggars Night/Food Drive – Grades 9-12**	Service option
November 8	**Ask, Seek, Knock** (Prayer)	Paschal Mystery
November 29	**Follow the Recipe** (Visible & Invisible Reality of Sacraments)	Sacraments
December 13 (@ OLIH)	**Advent Prayer Service – Grades 9-12**	Liturgical/Community
January 17*	**Full-Filled** (Living Sacramental Grace)	Sacraments
January 21 (Sunday)	**10th Grade Retreat @ OLIH**	Community, Liturgy, Intentional Growth
January 24*	**Truth Be Told @ OLIH** (Confirmation)	Confirmation
February 7	**Word Made Flesh** (The Purpose of the Incarnation)	
February 21	**You Call This Good** (The Passion of Christ)	
March 7 (@OLIH)	**Lent Prayer/Reconciliation Service – Grades 9-12**	Liturgy/Communal
March 21	**Spread the Word/The Journey Continues @ OLIH** (Confirmation)	Confirmation
April 11	**Unwrapped** (The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit)	Confirmation
April 25 (@ OLIH)	**Food Drive/End of Year Social – 7:00-8:30 p.m.** **Senior Social w/Fr. Steve – 8:15-9:30 p.m.**	Service/Celebration of Community

***** Grades 9-12 will meet two weeks in a row to avoid meeting during Finals Week.

* Grades 9-12 will have the opportunity to gather together @ OLIH at the following times throughout the year:

September 13 – Opening Prayer Service
October 30 – Beggars Night Food Drive
December 13 – Advent Prayer Service
March 7 – Lent Prayer/Reconciliation Service
April 25 – Food Drive & 9-11 End of Year Social - 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
12th grade Senior Social w/Fr. Steve 8:15 – 9:30 p.m.

(Volunteers will be needed to transport food to the food pantry after the April 25th event – watch for details in parish communications.

* Any highlights outside of above dates are 9th & 10th grade calendar specific events.

Senior Deadlines/Events:		
April 6 (Friday)	Scholarship Applications Due	
May 6 (Sunday)	Senior Mass & Breakfast (8:30 a.m. Mass) Catechist/RE Support Staff Appreciation Dinner	
Date: TBD	Baccalaureate	

9th Grade Confirmation Discipleship Experience:

- Regular attendance is expected at the following to grow and deepen discipleship through community (Head & Heart):
    - Mass
    - Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
- Service to others is expected to grow and deepen discipleship through witness. Service to others is varied and takes many forms, but is always "other" focused. Complete one or more in each category (Head, Heart, Hands & Feet):
    - OLIH community – i.e. Beggar's Night, Fish Fry, etc.
    - Greater Des Moines Area – i.e. Meals from the Heartland, Miracle League, etc.
    - Family – in recognition of the sacredness of family complete a project/event for family that is not a regular chore
- Mini-retreat attendance is expected. Jesus regularly withdrew from the "normal grind" of life, sometimes alone and sometimes with others, to focus on growing and deepening discipleship. 9th graders & parent(s) will experience together on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 to focus on the topic, "Existence of Evil/Spiritual Warfare."

10th Grade Confirmation Discipleship Experience:

- Regular attendance is expected at the following to grow and deepen discipleship through community (Head & Heart)
    - Mass
    - a. Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
- Service to others is expected to grow and deepen discipleship through witness. Service to others is varied and takes many forms, but is always "other" focused. Complete one or more in each category:
    - b. OLIH community – i.e. Beggar's Night, Fish Fry, etc.
    - c. Greater Des Moines Area – i.e. Meals from the Heartland, Miracle League, etc.
- Retreat attendance is expected. Jesus regularly withdrew from the "normal grind" of life, sometimes alone and sometimes with others, to focus on growing and deepening discipleship 10th graders & parent(s) will experience together on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at OLIH. Details will be shared several weeks prior to Jan. 21. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we solidify logistical details.