

Walking with Jesus

Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved by Me!



Lenten Faith Journal

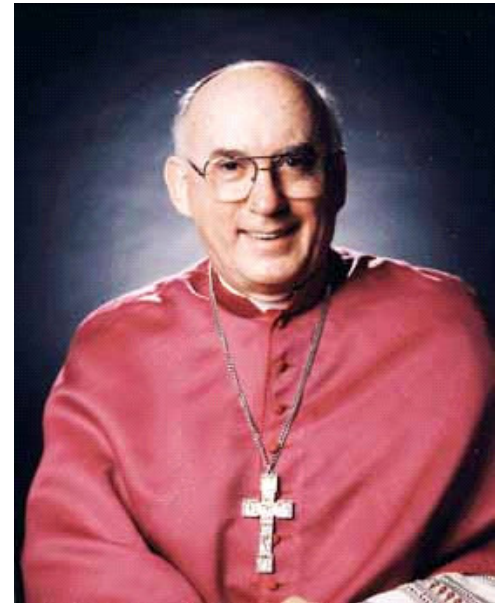
"Come Follow Me"

Phase 2

Name: _____

Evangelization is:

"Making Jesus Christ known and loved in our time by choosing to live out the Gospel in every moment."



In response to Archbishop Flynn's Evangelization Initiative Saint Ambrose Parish, including the boys and girls of faith formation and the school, having been awakened, are now ready to enter phase two called "Come Follow Me". The focus of this phase is our own personal relationship of Discipleship to Jesus Christ. Our transformation and conversion will happen as we respond to His call to "Come Follow Me".

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PERSONAL CONVERSION

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta was renowned for her heroic efforts on behalf of the poor, dying and handicapped. She explained that in every person that she served, she saw herself serving Christ: "Each one of them is Jesus in disguise." But we are not only called to reach out to the materially poor, we are called to reach out to emotionally poor. We are called to reach out to all ... to see Christ in all. As Mother Teresa said, "I want you to be concerned about your next door neighbor. Do you know your next door neighbor?"

"Making Jesus Christ known and loved in our time by choosing to live out the Gospel in every moment."

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind." Acts 4:32.

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Week One

Who is Jesus to me?

How do I know Him? Who told or tells me about Jesus?



WEEK TWO

Jesus in the Scriptures

Jesus said to them: “A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the estate that is coming to me.’ So the father divided up the property. Some days later this younger son collected all his belongings and went off to a distant land, where he squandered his money on dissolute living. After he had spent everything, a great famine broke out in that country and he was in dire need...Coming to his senses at last, he said: ‘How many hired hands at my father’s place have more than enough to eat, while here I am starving! I will break away and return to my father, and say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son. Treat me like one of your hired hands. ...While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was deeply moved. He ran out to meet him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him.’” Luke 15:11-20

Jesus in the World

Dorothy Day’s life-changing conversion was a rather unexpected one. After all, Day had been brought up in a wholly non-religious setting. In this decidedly secular setting, her social consciousness was awakened and channeled first into the Socialist movement. Day became an anarchist, joining in demonstrations and being arrested six times. Sitting in the cell gave her time to reflect on Jesus Christ. She realized how ego was central to many of her efforts, and how Jesus needed to be central to everything. After her release from prison, she began to attend Mass regularly and helped form a community (which spawned the Catholic Worker movement) that lived out the gospel’s radical message by providing food, shelter and hospitality for the poor as well as struggling for social change. Christian love was for Dorothy Day a matter of accepting the gifts that God gave her, and then sharing it with the rest of the Body of Christ.

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Week Two: How has my awareness of Jesus Christ been life changing?

Name a time that I experienced forgiveness
that was free and undeserved.
How did it affect me?

What is one event or time in my life that motivated
change in my attitude or behavior?
How was I aware of God's presence?

Who is a model of conversion for my life?
(Biblical or modern)



WEEK THREE

Jesus in the Scriptures

Jesus said to them: "I solemnly assure you, it was not Moses who gave you bread from the heavens; it is my Father who gives you the real heavenly bread. God's bread comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "Sir, give us this bread always," they besought him. Jesus explained to them: "I myself am the bread of life. No one who comes to me shall ever be hungry, no one who believes in me shall ever thirst.Let me solemnly assure you, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. The one who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood real drink."

John 6:32-35, 53-54

Jesus in the World

"You must become the change you wish to see in the world."

Mahatma Gandhi

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"We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other. We must know him in the breaking of the bread, and we are not alone anymore. Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet too, even with a crust, where there is companionship."

Dorothy Day

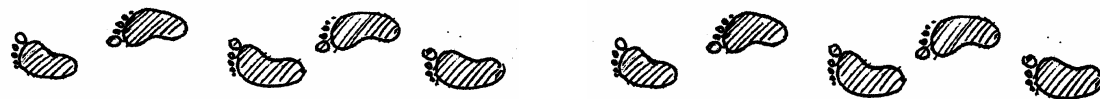
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Week Three: How does my awareness of the Body of Christ give life to the world?

As a member of Christ's body, what particular gift do I share with others?

How do I bring peace or kindness to the community?
How do I divide those around me with my words and actions?

How do I show that Jesus is a part of me?



WEEK FOUR

Jesus in the Scriptures

Jesus said to them: “Do you not understand this parable? Then how are you going to understand any of the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown. As soon as they hear, Satan comes at once and takes away the word sown in them. And these are the ones sown on the rocky ground who, when they hear the word, receive it at once with joy. But they have no root; they last only for a time. Then when tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Those sown among thorns are another sort. They are the people who hear the word but worldly anxiety, the lure of riches, and the craving for things intrude and choke the word, and it bears no fruit. But those sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.”

Mark 4: 13-20

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Jesus in the World

Monica (d. 387, AD) and Augustine (d. 430, AD) stand as a mother/son relationship in which Monica, as mother, deeply desired that the gift of faith in her son Augustine would come alive. To that end she poured forth many tears and prayers for his conversion. On her death bed, she witnessed: “I did have one reason for wanting to live a little longer: to see you become a Catholic Christian before I died. God has lavished his gifts on me in that respect, for I know that you even renounced earthly happiness to be his servant.”

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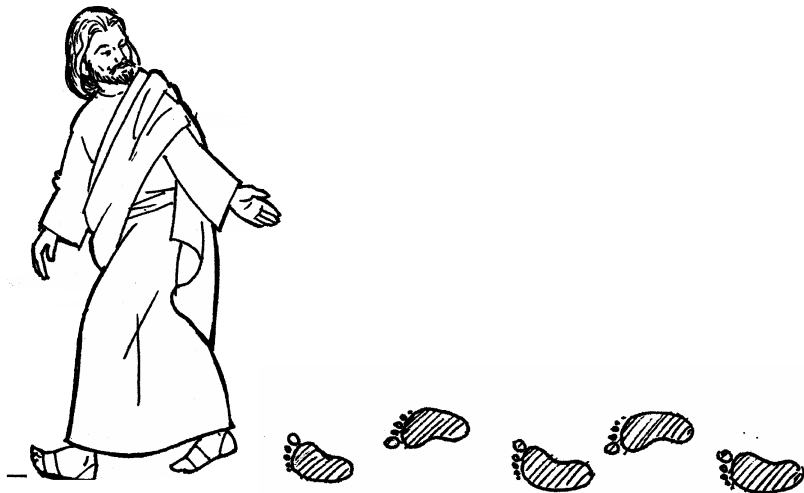
“Quite early on, the name of catechesis was given to the whole of the efforts within the Church to make disciples, to help men and women believe that Jesus is the Son of God, so that believing they might have life in His name, and to educate and instruct them in this life and thus build up the Body of Christ.”

John Paul II,
Apostolic Exhortation, Catechesi Tradendae, 1.

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Week Four: How does my knowing Jesus help me share who He is?

What gets in the way of my knowing and loving Jesus?

What do I do to help my faith grow and not get choked out?



What feeds or causes my faith to grow?

WEEK FIVE

Jesus in the Scriptures

His mother and his brothers arrived, and as they stood outside they sent word to him to come out. The crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside asking for you." He said in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And gazing around him at those seated in the circle he continued, "These are my mother and my brothers." Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me."

Mark 3: 31-35

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Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3:2

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Jesus in the World

"Most Christian families seem not to feel their very family-ness as sacred. They fail to name their most profound moments of shared memory - birth, death, ... forgiveness, gathering, the daily struggles to be with and for each other - with words associated with religion or the spiritual life. "

Wendy M. Wright, "Sacred Dwellings"

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"Man is not really himself, however, except within the framework of society and there the family plays the basic and most important role."

Paul VI, Populorum Progressio, 36

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"To overcome today's "it's all about me" mentality, a concrete commitment to justice and charity is needed, beginning in the family."

based on John Paul II, Centesimus Annus, 49

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Week Five: How does my understanding of Jesus influence my view of what family is?

What does "family" mean to me?
What did it mean to Jesus?

What does it mean to me to be a child of God?
In my family? At school? Everywhere I go?



Week Six
We Celebrate Holy Week.

Please join Saint Ambrose of Woodbury parish
in celebrating and remembering
Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday 3:00 or 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 7:30, 9:30 and
Services 11:30 a.m.



Remembering
CHRIST

Evangelization Prayer

Holy God,
Fill our hearts with the fire of your love.

Awaken us Holy Spirit,
to witness to the presence of Jesus in every
moment of our lives.

Renew us Lord,
so that our homes, parishes, neighborhoods,
and world are transformed
into your kingdom
on earth, where peace and justice reign.

Amen

