

10th Grade Mini-Course Descriptions for 2024-2025

Fall/Winter 2024

Session 1: Be Real

Social media is undeniably an influence in all of our lives and communities. It's an incredibly powerful tool that can be used for good or for bad. This mini-course will help participants explore what it looks like to follow Jesus both online and off in this small group discussion based format.

Sundays 6:30 – 7.30pm
October 6, October 13, October 20,
October 27, November 3

Session 2: Sacraments of Initiation

This course will look at Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation by discussing the meaning of various signs and symbols utilized in each of these Sacraments. The goal of this course is to connect the three Sacraments of Initiation to better prepare the participants to enter the Confirmation Preparation Program in their junior year.

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm
October 9, October 16, October 23,
October 30, November 6

Session 3: Waiting, Watching, Wondering

In our instant gratification/"Google it" world, many teens don't have a lot of experience with waiting for things. This Advent themed mini-course will guide teens into and through the Season of Advent with a mix of hands-on activities and practical suggestions how a young person can wait, watch, and wonder to grow deeper in their faith as the birth of Jesus approaches.

Mondays 6:30-7:30pm
November 25, December 2, December 9,
December 16, January 6

Winter/Spring 2025

Session 4: Becoming Peacemakers

This mini course will encourage participants to think about the presence or absence of peace within themselves, in their relationships, in society and in the world. Using the life and message of Jesus as an example, participants will be challenged to explore constructive ways to resolve conflict and bring about peace in their world and the world.

Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30pm
January 15, January 22, January 29,
February 5, February 12

Session 5: Wonder & Awe – God's Creation Surrounds

This mini-course hopes to give participants a deeper appreciation for the Wonder & Awe of God's Creation. Participants will be immersed in the nature that surrounds the parish grounds by going outside for a portion of each session. Youth will learn that our faith calls us to act and advocate to protect all that God has created and be challenged to consider how they can make a positive environmental impact.

**Note – participants should be prepared to go
OUTSIDE for a portion of each session*

Sundays 6:30 – 7:30pm
February 23, March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23

Session 6: Divine Mercy

This mini course will explore what Mercy means and how "focusing on the experience of the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope" (Pope Francis) can impact us as individuals and the entire world.

Mondays 6:30-7:30pm
March 3, March 10, March 17,
March 24, , March 31

Safe Environment Training (required annually) – Additional Information about this Training will be posted at a later date