

HOLY FAITH PARISH

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“FORMED” & THE “SEARCH”

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“SEARCH”

Our Lenten Journey

SEARCH is a program within the **FORMED** platform. It is a 7-week journey into the meaning of our lives and our relationship with God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit. During the season of Lent, when we are called to “reset” our lives as followers and disciples of Jesus, our Savior, **SEARCH** will give us the tools and opportunity to reflect on where we have been and where are we going. It will be a prayerful and powerful time to refocus on our relationship with the Lord and his Church.

. WHO IS "SEARCH" FOR?

The Search is for everyone: Long term parishioners as well as those who are not part of our parish, those who are coming to the parish for sacraments, couples to be married, parents bringing their child to be baptized, those who might not be ready for RCIA but have inquired, parents of children in religious education. Those who are grieving, those who are searching for answers and accompaniment, those who are disconnected from the church but still seeking.

. PARISH RETREAT

This retreat can be a powerful way to cap the **SEARCH** experience, we will journey together for seven weeks. We will come together for prayer, video presentation and reflections, some discussion and fellowship. People will have the option of attending sessions on **Tuesdays at 1pm or Wednesdays at 6:30 pm** each of the seven weeks. Each session will be 90 minutes' long. _____

EPISODES:

EPISODE 1: WHAT DO YOU SEEK? *March 8, at 1pm or March 9 at 6:30pm inside the church.*

What do you seek? What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We are all living for something and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. For some, this question is on their minds every day. For others, life goes by in a flash without even asking the question.

EPISODE 2: WHO ARE YOU? *March 15 at 1pm or March 16, at 6:30 pm*

Who am I? Is there more to me than matter? Is there more to us that meets the eye? Experts have examined the mystery of life. If you are just a body, then satisfaction in life should come from tending to simply bodily needs. There is more to you than that. The unseen part of you craves for so much more ...

EPISODE 3: WHY A GOD? *March 22 at 1pm or March 23 at 6:30 pm*

Although the secular world frequently asks us to believe that we have moved beyond the idea of God, the truth is that all through human history human beings have looked to some thing outside themselves for the answers to life. So, why does it seem the world has given up on God? Do you think science has disproved him? Experts have made the case that is not only reasonable to believe in God, it is essential for our happiness. Our souls will seek their creator and will never be truly happy unless we seek him out.

EPISODE 4: WHAT IS OUR STORY? *March 29 at 1pm or March 30 at 6:30 pm*

Our life is a story that is caught up in the great story of humanity. This great story, as we see in the Scriptures, shows the amazing love story that is God's pursuit of human beings. We were made to be with God. Union with God is so essential to the purpose of life that we even see the afterlife in these terms. Your life is a plot. Your life has purpose. Your life has value. We need to see how we fit into this big love story to begin to know why we exist. That love of God is not abstract, it has a face and name: Jesus.

EPISODE 5: WHO IS JESUS? *April 5 at 1pm or April 6 at :30 pm*

The most powerful part of this story is that we can personally know God's love. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this, seemingly insignificant carpenter, born into poverty, in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history? The center of Christianity is a person. We look at the life of Jesus and what he came to do. Ultimately, we need to decide if we believe Jesus really was who he said he was. If Jesus really was who he said he was, we need to make him the Lord of our lives, and when we do, everything changes.

EPISODE 6: AM I SAVED? TBA

What Jesus did for us through his life, death, and resurrection was the greatest act of love in history. He saved us. He did this for each one of us. Personally. But some might feel unworthy of this gift of love. We may feel we have too much baggage. We may feel unlovable. But God didn't come to reveal himself to us on a pedestal – he came to enter into our messy human condition. To fix us from within. To transform us from the inside out. Some might be surprised by how generous the love of God really is. The amazing reality of God's mercy is that it is not about our love for him, it's about his love for us that changes our lives forever.

EPISODE 7: WHY A CHURCH? TBA

How do I access Jesus who lived two thousand years ago? How do I live this call of love? We uniquely encounter the love of God in his Church. But really? The Church? There are so many negative views of the Church: it's out of touch, it's full of bad people, it's just too boring. Maybe "the Church" means a little more. The Church is the family of God that's been lovingly gathered throughout our entire story.