

YEAR OF FAITH: OCT. 11, 2012 – NOV. 24, 2013

“... They called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith. . .” (Acts 14:27)

With his Apostolic Letter of October 11, 2011, *Porta Fidei*, Pope Benedict XVI declared that a “**Year of Faith**” will begin on October 11, 2012 and conclude on November 24, 2013.



During the **Year of Faith**, Catholics are asked to study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II and the catechism so that they may deepen their knowledge of the faith. The upcoming **Year of Faith** is a “summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world” (*Porta Fidei* 6). In other words, the **Year of Faith** is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with him. The “door of faith” is opened at one’s baptism, but during this year Catholics are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church.

@ 2012 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year... Accessed 9/14/2012

The opening of the **Year of Faith** on October 11 coincides with the 50th anniversary of the opening of Vatican II and the 20th anniversary of the promulgation of the *Catechism of the Catholic Faith*. The next General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will also be held in October 2012 with the theme of *The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith*.

The **Year of Faith** will conclude on November 24, 2012, the Feast of Christ the King or the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR LADY OF THE OZARKS DURING YEAR OF FAITH

During the **Year of Faith**, Our Lady of the Ozarks will be providing a number of opportunities for parishioners to hopefully foster a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and a fuller understanding of the liturgy and the truths of our faith.

- *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, a five-session study program to understand more fully what we say and do in the liturgy, will be offered on the first Friday of the month November 2012 through March 2013 after 9:00 AM Mass and on the second Monday of the month November 2012 through March 2013 at 6:30 PM. Cost \$20.
- *Gifts of Waiting*, an Advent Retreat for women presented by Sr. Charlotte & Sr. Francine, will be take place at our Lady of the Lake in Branson on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.
- *The Faithful Revolution: Vatican II*, a five-session DVD series will be held during Lent and the Easter Season 2013. No cost for materials
- Reflections on the Sunday readings (*At Home with the Word*) and *Journey of Faith* topical leaflets will take place on Sundays after Mass whenever PSR classes are scheduled. PSR parents are encouraged to attend as well as other parishioners. Parishioners may choose to attend one or several or all of the sessions. Topics will be posted in the bulletin.
- The current *Day by Day Retreat* Program will continue through January 2013 with a new group forming in fall 2013.
- A parish liturgy committee and a parish funeral committee will begin their ministries in October 2012.
- Additional opportunities for summer and fall 2013 to be determined.

SCHEDULE FOR TOPICS FOR SUNDAYS

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

Breaking Open the Word

Journey of Faith Topic for the Week

October 14	Your Journey of Faith
October 21	What Do Catholics Believe?
October 28	What is the Meaning of the Mass?
November 4	The Saints
November 18	The Liturgical Year Overview
December 2	Mary
December 16	Incarnation and the Paschal Mystery
January 6	The Bible
January 20	How Do Catholics Interpret the Bible?
February 3	Catholics and Prayer
February 17	Catholic Practices
March 3	Places in the Catholic Church
March 17	Holy Week and the Paschal Narrative
April 7	Resurrection - Living in the Peace of the Risen Christ
April 21	Who's Who in the Church?
April 5	Pentecost – Catholics and Church
May 19	Planning for Mini Vacation Bible School

