

# WE BELIEVE IN GOD



**October 18**

*World Mission Sunday, organized by the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice.*

*All across the globe, in nearly every imaginable language, Christians are praying the very same creed you are. Put your heart into praying it on World Mission Sunday! Find out more at [www.onefamilyinmission.org](http://www.onefamilyinmission.org).*

**November 1**

## The Sacrament of Confirmation

**11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary  
3:00 p.m. Mass at St. John**

*Confirmation candidates will ask to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Defiance Catholic community joins them in prayer as they renew their baptismal promises: "I believe in God, the Father almighty..."*



**Coming November 8 and 11:  
We Believe in Jesus Christ @ St. John**

## *Between NOW and THEN...*

### **PRAY**

Create a household prayer of praise to God, using Psalm 103 as a model. Psalm 103 has four main parts:

1. Personal blessings received from God (vs. 1-5)
2. National blessings received from God (vs. 6-14)
3. A reminder of our human frailty and dependence on God (vs. 15-18)
4. A declaration that all creation praises God (vs. 19-22).

Begin by reading Psalm 103 from a Bible with your group.

Then use Psalm 103 as a guide for writing your household's own psalm, a prayer of praise to God. Write your prayer in four parts, using the four-part structure of Psalm 103. Finally, take a few moments to talk about how it feels to offer God praise. Plan when you can use your household's prayer of praise.

### **LEARN**

**Adults:** Go to the parish website and click on "Generations of Faith." Click on the Call to Faith eConnect logo and enter your access code. Click on the Adult Learner Site and then on Understanding our Catholic Faith. Look for the section called "How do we experience God's love?" This month you might read and reflect on the following articles, then share the fruit of your reflection with a trusted friend or faith-sharing group:

October 17	The Promised One
October 24	The Mystery of God
October 31	God's Faithfulness

**Youth and children:** The Call to Faith eConnect website offers Home Lessons for each chapter of the Call to Faith textbook Gr. K-8. Each week explore a chapter of Unit 2/The Trinity with your parents:

October 17	Unit 2 (Trinity) Chapter 4
October 24	Unit 2 Chapter 5
October 31	Unit 2 Chapter 6

Each week click on your grade level on the Learner Site and enjoy a review.

## Books

[www.catholicfaithandfamilybible.org](http://www.catholicfaithandfamilybible.org) offers a Bible specifically designed by the Center for Ministry Development for intergenerational use.

*Catechism of the Catholic Church # 199 – 324*  
*U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults, Chapter 5*

*Quest for the Living God*, Elizabeth Johnson  
*The Shack*, William P. Young  
*Old Turtle*, Douglas Wood  
*3 in 1: A Picture of God*, Joanne Marxhausen

## Website

[www.other6.com](http://www.other6.com)/click on 3-minute retreat.

## Movies

Compare the way God is portrayed in these movies with the way the Bible pictures God.

2001 Space Odyssey	Oh, God!
Prince of Egypt	Contact
Bruce Almighty	Evan Almighty

## UNITY

Share with your household or group the image of God that is important to you. Using those images, create a banner or collage or mobile, drawing pictures or cutting out symbols or finding clip art. Identify a scripture passage to accompany each image.

## SERVE

“You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone” (Matthew 4:10). Decide as a household how you will live out “My Commitment to God” on page 4.

## What Do You Seek?

*A deeper prayer life and relationship with God?*

*A greater sense of peace within yourself and with others?*

*Help in making an important decision in your life?*

If you answered “Yes!” to any of these questions, you may wish to consider spiritual direction.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION helps people grow in a personal relationship with God... It involves meeting one-to-one with a spiritual companion who is a skilled, caring and non-judgmental person. God touches all aspects of life, so any area of life may be explored. The director helps the other notice and become more aware of God’s loving and faithful presence.

For a list of persons in the Diocese of Toledo who have received extensive training and formation in spiritual direction, please contact Sr. Mary Dean at 419-782-2776 or 419-782-7121.

**“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.  
You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.”  
Deuteronomy 6: 4**

Commitment to God means coming to know God’s greatness and majesty.

- How do I love and serve God first?
- What can I start doing to love and serve God first?

Commitment to God means living in thanksgiving. Everything we are and have comes from God.

- How do I respond to God’s goodness in my life?
- What can I start doing to give thanks to God?

Commitment to God means knowing the true dignity of all people. We are all made in the image of God.

- How is the dignity of all people protected and respected at home, in school and around the world?
- What can I start doing to protect and respect the dignity of all people?

Commitment to God means making good use of created things.

- How do I make sure that God is first, not material things?
- How can I “de-clutter” my life so that God is first?

Commitment to God means trusting God in every circumstance, even in adversity.

- How can I live in complete trust, knowing that my faith in God is all I need in life?