

## What is SALT?

SALT – Saint Ann Learns Together – is for *all* members of the parish and non-parishioners, from preschool (age 5) through adult. It is the way our parish educates children and youth about the basics of their Catholic faith. It is also designed for adults – to answer their questions about the Catholic faith, explain religious traditions, and help them grow in relationship with God.

Through SALT, we build community by involving people of all ages in the life of the Church. SALT learning is centered on liturgical and sacramental events. Materials are provided to encourage learning at home.

## Catholic Social Teaching

Our SALT topic for this year is Catholic Social Teaching.

During the past 100 years, papal statements, Vatican II and the Conference of Bishops have addressed urgent issues such as life and dignity of the human person, human rights, and war and peace. These messages are not only Church doctrine. They provide us with a framework for action. Catholic Social Teaching calls people everywhere, and of every faith, to work towards the elimination of poverty, to speak out against injustices, and to actively shape a more peaceful and just world.

Our young people will learn about these topics in age-appropriate ways – interactive and activity-based.

## 2016-2017 Catholic Social Teaching

September 16 and September 18  
Life and Dignity of the Human Person

October 14 and October 16  
Human Rights and Responsibilities

November 11 and November 13  
Call to Family and Community

December 16  
Advent/Christmas Celebration

January 20 and January 22  
Child/Teen Lures Safety Program  
(For families with children and teens)

February 24 and February 26  
Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

March 24 and March 26  
Solidarity with All God's People/Peace

April 28 and April 30  
Care for God's Creation

May 2017 date to be determined  
Pentecost Celebration

*You choose either Friday, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. or Sunday, from 12:15 p.m. (following 11:30 a.m. Mass) to 2:45 p.m.*  
*All programs begin with a catered dinner.*

**Singles, Couples, Seniors:  
Please Join Us!**

Expand your faith experience with SALT – Saint Ann Learns Together. SALT offers prayerful and educational experiences/discussions for *all* adults in our parish. Grow in your faith as you join other young adults, parents and children in their faith journeys. Consider signing up for a single topic of interest to you. We will be advertising individual topics and using some guest speakers this year.

**Parents/Guardians:  
Critical to SALT Program**

The SALT program requires that children and teens attend SALT with at least one adult family member who provides guidance and support for the child/teen while growing in his/her own faith. Why is this so important?

\* SALT can help to reinforce and fill in the blanks in our own religious education. We hear this all the time from our SALT adults!

\* Parent/guardian involvement shows our young people that we really care about and value faith formation.

\* Parents/guardians are better equipped to share knowledge with children, who see that learning about our faith never stops.

\* Parents/guardians have the tools to reinforce learning at home.

**Six-Year Curriculum Cycle**

Year 1: Celebrating the Sacraments

Year 2: The Creed

Year 3: Following Jesus Through the Church Year

Year 4: Living the Moral Life

Year 5: Prayer Life

**Year 6: Catholic Social Teaching**

A disciple is one who is learning what it means to live his or her faith in Christ fully. “Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime. At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting and loving God’s will. Being a disciple is a total way of life and requires continuing conversion.”

(Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, p. 15)

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