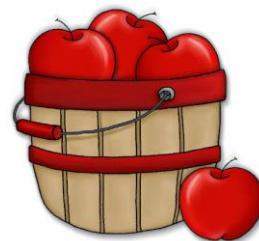


School of the Incarnation Newsletter

September 16, 2021

Thursday, September 16 th :	Back to School Night Grade 1, 2, 3, 6 at 6:30 PM
Friday, September 17 th :	Spirit Wear Day Spirit Wear store closes – see below to purchase
Monday, September 20 th :	Band Demonstration for Grade 4-8 at 8:30 AM
Friday, September 24 th :	Spirit Wear Day
Friday, October 1 st :	SOTI Homecoming 3:30 – 7:00 PM Flu shot clinic – more information to come Spirit Wear Day
Thursday, October 7 th :	School Mass 10:00 AM
Friday, October 8 th :	No school for students – Professional Development Day



Back to School Night for Grades 1, 2, 3 and 6 – TONIGHT!!

Parents of students in grades 1, 2, 3 and 6 are welcome to come to school tonight at 6:30 PM and meet their child(ren's) teacher(s) in their classrooms for in-person information sessions. *Due to space limitations, these in-person meetings are for parents only.*

Scantron Testing for Grades 2 - 8

The Archdiocese of Baltimore will be administering three rounds of standardized testing this year, and the first testing window for our school will extend from Monday, September 20th - Friday, October 1st. We will be using the Performance Learning Series by Scantron, and your child's classroom teacher will communicate their specific test dates and times.

Please, ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a substantial breakfast on days when testing will take place. The tests are cumulative with results building over time from one trimester to the next. Therefore, it is particularly important for our 8th grade students to make their best effort, since these scores will factor into the reports that are sent out with high school applications.

We Love Spirit Wear!! – SPIRIT WEAR STORE CLOSING TOMORROW!!

The fall spirit wear store is open now! The online store will close tomorrow, September 17th and orders will be delivered on or around October 22nd! Make sure you get your cold weather items now, the next online spirit wear sale will not be until spring. Click here to order: <https://incarnationfall2021.itemorder.com/sale>

Homecoming Shirts!

Exciting news! The 2021 homecoming shirts will be available for lobby sales during homecoming week! All shirts are \$10, cash or check. See attached flyer for more details.



SOTI Choirs

All Choirs start next week. Cherub Choir is for 1st and 2nd grades. All others are 3rd-8th grades. If you are still interested in joining, the deadline is the first rehearsal.

Liturgy Choir - Tuesday, 9/21, 7:30-8:15 am

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wG5SJkTRtJe0NJ6b8J9aoAljF9reC80Kzl4WiLKazw/edit?usp=sharing>

Cherub Choir - Tuesday, 9/21, 3:00-4:00 pm

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1crYaY4JGDL17GNSY5ShoVy0qfNldYPstxUocLDtMxw0/edit?usp=sharing>

Liturgy Band - Thursday, 9/23, 7:30-8:15 am

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Concert Choir - Thursday, 9/23, 3:00-4:30 pm

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Homecoming!

Join us on Friday, October 1st, 3:30 to 7:00 PM for our family friendly Homecoming event. There will be fun, food, and games for everyone in the family to enjoy! If you plan to purchase food for our event, [please click on this link to register](#). Since this will be our first event after a long time away, this will certainly be a great opportunity to advertise your business. Please see the attached sponsor form for the chance to share your business with our community. Festivities will include both boys and girls home soccer games, pony rides, a beer garden, live music and much more. Come cheer on our Knights!



GOBBLE! GOBBLE!!

School of the Incarnation's TURKEY TROT is happening on Friday, November 19th! We will be walking, jogging and having fun to raise funds for the athletic field renovation. More details forthcoming!

If you would like to volunteer to help in the event planning or help on the day of, please email our Development Director, Kristina Rykiel, at krykiel@schooloftheincarnation.org



Band Information for students in Grade 4 - 8

Our new band instructor is Mrs. Thamert. Information regarding the band program and how to get started can be found on her website: <https://sites.google.com/view/band-mrserinthamert/home>

She will be at school on Sept. 20 to talk about the band program. Please feel free to reach out to her directly beforehand with any questions. E-mail: knightchic@aol.com, Phone: 410-486.4322

Attention 8th Grade Parents!!! HSPT Prep Course

For the first time the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be offering an HSPT Prep Course. In lieu of an "in house" preparation course, we are referring our students to this optional course that is being offered by the Archdiocese. For additional information, please visit: <https://www.archbalt.org/schools/hspt-prep-course/>, and also read the attached flyer. Please be aware that registration is now open, and that the deadline to register is September 20th.

BEYOND PROGRAM INFORMATION

If you are able to volunteer, have an idea for a club, or have any questions, please contact our school's Auxiliary Services Coordinator, [Amy Santini](#).

Registration for the following group is being finalized.

Please note the deadline to register is this Friday, September 17th.

Chess Club (grades 3-8)

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/chessclub21-22>

Click below for new registration links.

The deadline to register for these two groups will be September 23rd.

Environmental Club: Caring for Creation (all grades)

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/environmentalclub2021>

Knights on a Mission Outreach (all grades)

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/knightsonamission21>

In order to determine interest levels, please complete the forms below if your child would like to participate in these activities. We hope to be able to offer them in the near future.

Guys on the Go (boys in grades 3-5)

<https://forms.gle/5LqEZSChVbqD3r169>

Coding Club (grades 2-5 and grades 6-8)

<https://forms.gle/v6hiASfPfhMvatoy5>

High School Fairs

This fall, the AOB is offering both virtual and in-person fairs for middle school families who want to learn more about our Catholic high schools. The **Virtual Fairs** will take place on September 29, October 11 and November 2 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please visit <https://www.archbalt.org/schools/our-schools/high-school-admissions/virtual-admissions/> to register for the event, and to receive access details.

For families looking for **In-Person Fairs**, these will take place from 6:00 pm to 8:05 pm according to the following schedule:

1. Monday, September 20: St. Mark in Catonsville
2. Tuesday, September 21: Resurrection – St. Paul in Ellicott City
3. Wednesday, September 22: Immaculate Conception in Towson
4. Thursday, September 23: St. Joseph Fullerton in Perry Hall
5. Monday, September 27: Cardinal Shehan in Baltimore
6. Tuesday, September 28: Monsignor Slade in Glen Burnie
7. Thursday, September 30: St. Margaret in Bel Air

The **Open Fair** takes from 6:00pm to 6:30pm, followed by three **Breakout Sessions**. Registration is not required, but masking is required of all participants. These fairs are open to students and families from any school who wish to attend.

Student Accident Insurance

Our student accident insurance vendor, Bollinger Specialty Group, has experienced on-going technical issues related to the on-line purchase/payment function. In order to complete your student accident insurance purchase please complete the following steps to ensure coverage is purchased:

1. Print and complete the form on the last page of this [brochure](#).
2. Email printed form to Melissa Mazzola Melissa_Mazzola@rpsins.com
3. Mail form along with check within 10 business days to:
 - o RPS Bollinger
 - o PO Box 1515
 - o Morristown, NJ 07962

Coverage commences upon receipt of emailed application with the stipulation that payment is received within 10 business days. Questions may be directed to Cathy O'Brien in the Office of Risk Management cathy.obrien@archbalt.org or (443)263-1950.

These instructions are also found on the Archdiocesan of Baltimore website. Click [here](#) for a direct link.

Student Directory 2021-2022

We are in the process of compiling and publishing our 2021-2022 SOTI Student Directory. If you would like any information about your child (name, address, phone number) withheld from the Directory, please complete the attached form and return the completed form to Mrs. RaVell in the school office or send Directory information to withhold via email jravell@schooloftheincarnation.org Deadline to respond is tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 17th.

Walking with Purpose at Our Lady of the Fields

Incarnation Moms! Come back to community this fall at Walking with Purpose *Reclaiming Friendship* Bible study at Our Lady of the Fields parish in Millersville. Morning and evening, both in-person and virtual, sessions begin the last week of September. For more information go to <https://www.ourladyofthefields.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021-WWP-Registration-Flyer-with-links.pdf>



2021-2022 HOMECOMING SPONSORSHIP

Contact Information:	
Name	
Email	
Phone	
Business Information:	
Name	
Address	
Phone #	

Please select a sponsorship Level:

*Knight Level- \$750 (one available)- sponsorship to include banner recognition in the beer garden during the event, 4 bottomless cups at the beer garden, 2 complimentary homecoming T-Shirts and a set of spirit items to cheer on our SOTI teams!

*Gold Level - \$500-sponsorship to include sign recognition during the event, 2 bottomless cups at the beer garden and a set of spirit items to cheer on our SOTI teams!

*Maroon Level - \$250-sponsorship to include sign recognition during the event and a set of spirit items to cheer on our SOTI teams!

****Response requested by Friday, September 24th****

**Please make checks payable to: School of the Incarnation.
Thank you for your support!**



Homecoming Tee shirt Special

Lobby Sales

**Tuesday Sept. 28th- Thursday Sept. 30th
During School Hours**

Homecoming Sales at the event

October 1st

All sizes - \$10 (Cash or check only)

What is Performance Series®?

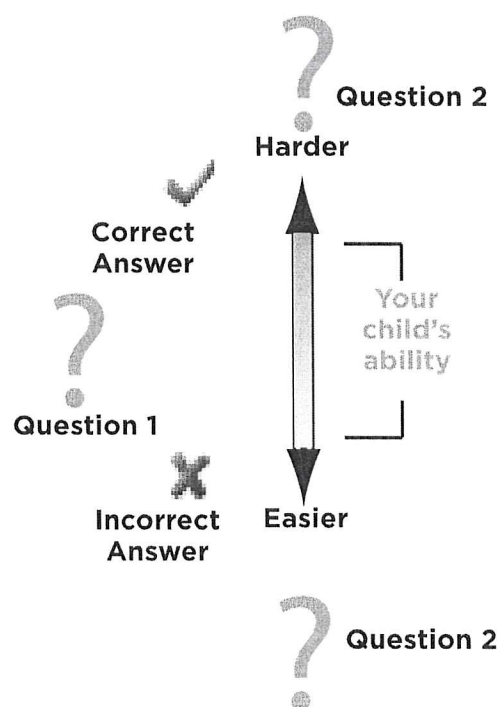
Performance Series is an online computer-adaptive test that adjusts to your child's instructional levels based on his or her responses to questions. Unlike other assessments, Performance Series is norm-referenced and completely computer-based, and all test results are available to teachers and administrators immediately.

All tests begin in relation to your child's current grade level the first time he or she takes a test in that subject. For those students who tested previously, the next test taken starts at a difficulty level where the student left off at the end of the last test. All scores are used for instructional grouping and to show growth and progress over time toward academic goals.

Computer-adaptive testing works by presenting questions that adjust based on the student's answers. Questions get slightly easier when a student answers incorrectly and slightly more challenging when a student answers correctly. Due to the adaptive nature of the test, each student will have a unique testing experience that will more accurately measure your child's instructional level.

Why is this helpful to me?

- Unique tests matched to your child's instructional level more accurately determine his or her next steps in the classroom.
- Results from these tests provide information to help you understand your child's growth academically, through this year and across years.



Why is this helpful to my child's teacher?

- Immediate results mean teachers can adjust instruction more quickly to help your child master important concepts.
- Educational materials can be customized by group or individual student based on score results, which helps teachers improve learning outcomes.
- Detailed reports allow teachers to evaluate current or new teaching strategies against the scores for the class and make adjustments as needed for any skills and/or concepts that may need re-teaching.

When are the tests given?

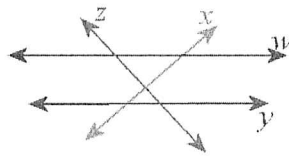
The tests are administered three (3) times per year in reading, mathematics, and language arts for grades 2-8. As a result of the computer-based model, students will spend less total time testing than previously seen with paper and pencil tests that took up to a week of instructional time.

What Subject Areas and Units Are Covered?

Mathematics

Look at the diagram, then answer the question.

Which lines appear to be parallel?



Units:

- Algebra
- Geometry
- Measurement
- Data Analysis & Probability
- Number & Operations

Reading

Braille is one of the most commonly used systems of reading and writing for people who are blind. Louis Braille invented it in 1834, when he was only fifteen years old. Louis had been blind since he was three. He learned to read by touching letters engraved in wood. It was a very



What do the following three events have in common?

- Braille used in the United States
- Braille officially adopted by the United States
- Braille adopted as universal code for English

Units:

- Vocabulary
- Fiction
- Nonfiction
- Long Passage

Language Arts

Which word fits best in this sentence?

I was very hungry, _____ I could not eat the squid.

- ☐ A. yet
- ☐ B. and
- ☐ C. or
- ☐ D. for



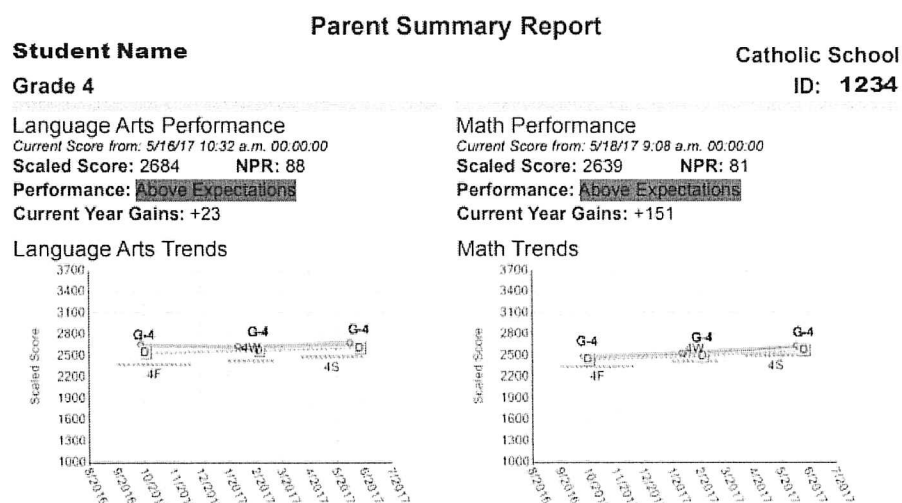
Units:

- Capitalization
- Parts of Speech
- Punctuation
- Sentence Structure

What Do the Scores Mean to Me and My Child?

Scaled Score

The Performance Series tests use a scaled score as an estimate of your child's instructional level, which is independent of grade level. The scaled score spans across all grade levels and all tests, so teachers and parents are able to monitor growth and progress in a subject over time. If you think of the scaled score as an "educational yardstick" you can then measure your child's growth from fall to spring in one school year or from year to year. Along with a scaled score per test, there are other ways to measure a student's growth and progress as well as how your child's score compares to others in his or her grade level. You can see a sample of the scores in the Parent Summary Report below.



Gains

Gains refer to the number of scaled score points between one test and another in the same subject. Gains are shown in the trend line on the student profile. Teachers and parents can look at a full year of growth for a child and see if that child "grew" at the same pace as other students who tested similarly in the fall in Scantron's national norm group.

National Percentile Ranking (NPR)

The National Percentile Ranking score (NPR) compares your child's scaled score to the scores of his or her grade level peers in Scantron's national norm group. For example, if your child has an NPR of 74, your child's score is above 74% of his or her peers in the same grade level in the national norm group.

Performance Rating

The performance rating represents your child's rating in the context of the Scantron-defined set of performance bands by scaled score range. There are four (4) bands in the set, each one representing an NPR quartile.

What Else Should I Know?

Suggested Learning Objectives (SLOs)

The Scantron skills that are measured in the Performance Series tests are aligned to the custom standards selected by the diocese. These skills appear on reports as Suggested Learning Objectives by unit for your child and are individualized based on your child's test experience. The scaled score works in tandem with the diocesan standards to determine where to focus your child's learning.

Are the tests timed?

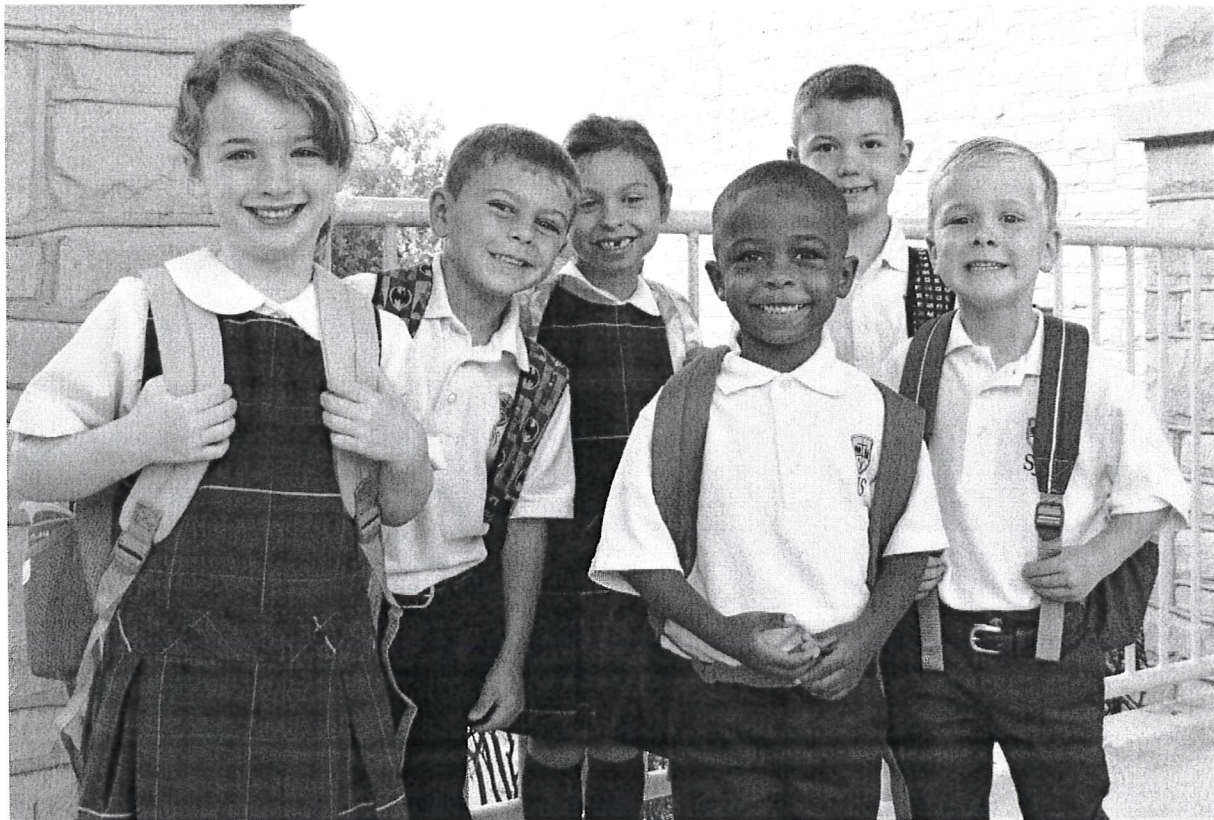
No, children are allowed as much time as needed to take the test.

Do all students see the same test?

All children see the same topic areas, but all children do not see the same test questions, because Performance Series is computer-adaptive—each test is unique for each child.

How many test items does each student receive?

The test is online and computer-adaptive, so each child receives a unique test and the number of items may vary. There is no set number of questions. The average number of questions in a testing session is about 50.





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VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL FAIR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

5 PM TO 7 PM

Session #1: 5:05pm to 5:40pm

Session #2: 5:45pm to 6:20pm

Session #3: 6:25pm to 7:00pm

LOGIN INFORMATION:

<https://bit.ly/AOBVirtualFairs>



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HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST (HSPT) PREP

****CURRENT 8th GRADE STUDENTS ONLY****

SEPTEMBER 28 - NOVEMBER 20 (8 WEEKS)

The Archdiocese of Baltimore High School Placement Test (HSPT) prep course is designed to prepare students to take the HSPT by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and test-taking strategies needed to maximize their performance. The instructor-led, online course will be held once a week for one hour and will include four weeks of reading, language, and verbal prep and four weeks of math and quantitative prep. Students will have two instructors throughout the course; one that specializes in reading and language and the other with expertise in math. The HSPT prep course will be offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 7 - 8 PM, as well as Saturday morning from 9 - 10 AM. Students participating in the course will attend one weekly session for eight weeks. Families will register for the day and time that fits with their schedule and will be assigned to a course section based on this preference. Students will be required to purchase Barron's HSPT prep book and will be expected to complete weekly enrichment assignments throughout the course.

Program Cost: \$85 per student **Registration:** September 6th - 20th

Information & Registration:

<https://www.archbalt.org/schools/hspt-prep-course/>

School Directory 2021/2022

Please complete the form below **if you do NOT wish to have your child's name, address and/or phone number published in the school directory** and return the form to the school office or email your request to Jennifer RaVell at jravell@schooloftheincarnation.org by **Friday, September 17th**.

I/We do NOT wish to have the following information published in the school directory. Please check the appropriate box(es) of information you **don't** want listed in the directory.

☐ Name ☐ Address ☐ Phone Number

Family Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Student Name: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

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New Family Referral Program

Our current Incarnation families are by far the best ambassadors for spreading the word about our school! Our New Family Referral Program rewards current families with a one-time \$250 tuition credit for referring a new family who applies and enrolls. Here's how it works:

- If you know of a family that you believe may be interested in School of the Incarnation, complete the "New Family Referral Form" below and submit to the school office.
- Reach out to the family and share your experiences at School of the Incarnation. Share with them the reasons you have chosen Catholic education and why you think they should do the same. Let them know that you have or will refer their information to the school and that an admissions representative will call or email them to provide more information.
- For each new family that applies and enrolls at least one full-time student, a \$250 tuition credit will be awarded to the current referring family after the new student has been in attendance for 30 days.
- Siblings of current students and previously enrolled students do not qualify as new families. Staff members are not eligible for the referral credit.
- Note that this form must be on file in the front office before the new family has contacted the school on their own for information or to visit so it is best to submit the form as soon as possible after speaking with the new family. In other words, the referral form is not retroactive and you are not eligible for the referral if the family contacts school before the referral.
- This referral program is open to all families with students currently enrolled in PreK4-Grade 8.
- Referral fees are limited to one per family per academic year.

Current Family

Parent name(s)

Student name(s) /Grade(s)

Address

City, State, MD

Phone

Email

New Family

Parent name(s)

Student name(s)/Grade(s)

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

How do you know this family? ☐Work ☐Friend ☐Relative ☐Neighbor
☐Church ☐Community ☐Other_____

Any information we should know?_____

By signing below, I confirm that I personally know this family and have shared the good news about School of the Incarnation with them. I understand that an Admissions representative from the school will be contacting this new family to provide more information and invite the family for a tour. I have read and understand the guidelines of the New Family Referral Program. Contact Casey Boswell at 410.519.2285 with any questions.

Signature_____

-Office use only- Form submission date_____ Contact date_____
Enrollment date_____ \$250 tuition credit date _____



walking with purpose

Come back to community this fall!

Walking with Purpose women's Bible study is a practical, relevant, enjoyable program that can help unleash the Holy Spirit in your heart!

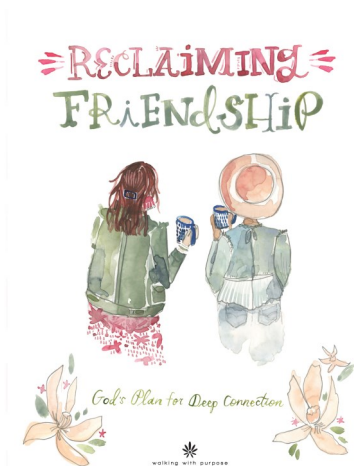
In-person at Our Lady of the Fields & virtual options available.

Fall 2021

Reclaiming Friendship

Meets Late September—Mid December

Monday evening or Thursday morning



Do you desire lasting friendships? Do you want to move beyond the past hurts of relationships gone wrong? Explore what it takes to stay close for the long haul, what to look for in a friend, and how to navigate toxic relationships. The key is found in discovering God's plan for friendship, which was meant to be a foretaste of Heaven.

Spring 2022

Living in the Father's Love

Meets Early January —Mid-April

Monday evening or Thursday morning

A STUDY OF GOD THE FATHER



In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are? This study will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all!

On-Line Registration is now open! For more information visit:

www.ourladyoffthefields.org/adult-faith-formation

Questions? Please e-mail: wwpolf@gmail.com