

# ST. GALL YOUTH AND FAMILY—SEPTEMBER 17

## St. Gall Faith Formation



**CATECHETICAL THEME:** *Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened. Matthew 11:28*

### CLASSES THIS WEEK

**WEDNESDAY WEEKLY—SEPTEMBER 20**

Grades 1-4 from 4:30-5:45pm

Grades 5-6 from 6:00-7:30pm

*Are you a follower of Jesus?  
We are all called to be disciples!*

## SEPTEMBER SAINTS St. Matthew 9/21



Matthew was known as Levi in the story of his conversion from despised tax collector to follower of Jesus.

We can only imagine what Matthew might feel as Jesus calls him. We don't know if he looks at the taxes and his job wondering if he should do it. He gets up and follows Jesus. Sometimes, it's hard to follow Jesus especially if you don't know what will happen next! Matthew changes his ways and becomes one of the 12 Apostles!

*"Like Matthew the tax collector, each of us trusts in the grace of the Lord regardless of our sins. We are all sinners, we have all sinned. By calling Matthew, Jesus shows sinners that he does not look at their past, at their social status, at external conventions, but rather, he opens a new future to them."*—Pope Francis, [General Audience of April 13, 2016](#)

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Go to Faith Formation Info & Events for links, info about the Eucharist and more!

[www.stgall.com/Faith-Formation](http://www.stgall.com/Faith-Formation)

Contact Donna Doherty for more information at [donna@stgall.com](mailto:donna@stgall.com) or call 630-365-9166!

## Today's Gospel—The Unforgiving Servant



Kids tell the story as adults act it out on YouTube! Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2c2myn8x>. How would you tell the story?

**Children's bulletins** for today's Gospel:

[Ages 3+](#) and [Ages 7+](#)



**September 19**  
**Group Study**  
**7-8pm**  
**Discussion on ZOOM**

Watch Episode 1 on Formed.org: *Why does the Church call the Eucharist the "source and summit of the Christian life?" Dr. Brant Pitre introduces us to the Sacrament of the Eucharist and explores its various names—and how those names give insight into its meaning.*

Contact Donna Doherty for ZOOM link—[donna@stgall.com](mailto:donna@stgall.com)

## SEPT 21—St. Matthew's Feast Day

PARISH  
LIBRARY

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BOOK  
CART

Bulletins &  
Coloring  
Pages

**Jesus calls Matthew**  
**"Follow me." And he did!**  
**Will you?**

Activities for [Ages 3+](#) and [Ages 7+](#)

You can get your Children's Bulletins online, too! Complete, add your name and grade or phone number to the front and place in the contest basket on the book cart in the Parish Library!

**Check out a book!**

Ready to fall deeper in love with the Eucharist?

Sign up for the newsletter, updates and inspiration!

[www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org)



## **Scripture Focus for SEPTEMBER 17**

*R./ The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. Ps 103:8*

### ***How man times do I have to forgive?***

Peter talks to Jesus about forgiveness. If a brother does something to hurt him, how many times does he have to forgive him? Seven times? Is that enough? The number seven is Scripture usually means perfect or complete. You can rest on the 7th day. Is it just the right amount of forgiveness? Jesus says not seven times but seventy-seven times! We need to keep forgiving. Then Jesus tells a story to help explain what he means. There was a king who needed to settle up what his servants owe him. One servant owed a huge amount and couldn't pay it back. The master had the right to sell him and his family and everything he owned to get the money back. The servant begs for patience. The master has compassion and lets him go. He forgives his debt!!! The servant then goes to collect money from someone who owes HIM a much smaller amount. When he asks for patience, the forgiven servant shows no mercy. He put the fellow servant in prison until he pays his debt. Of course, the servants tell the master what he did and how he didn't have compassion to his fellow servant and forgive him. He didn't act like the master. Had he learned how to forgive? No. So the master sends him to the torturers. Jesus says that this is what will happen if you don't forgive your brother from your heart.

*How big is your heart?  
Do you need to forgive someone?*



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**Challenge**—follow the daily Mass to hear the whole story with a phone app or get your daily [Mass Readings](http://www.usccb.org) at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)!