

The Mission of St. Louis Faith Formation is

“To teach as Jesus did forming disciples of Christ.”

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Our purpose, guided by the Holy Spirit is to provide spiritual growth through:

- *Scripture & Tradition**—guiding families toward an understanding and love of the Gospel message.
- *Doctrine**—encouraging families to gain an understanding of the history & knowledge of the richness of the Catholic faith.
- *Liturgy/Prayer**—assisting families by providing a variety of prayer & worship experiences for them to participate in.
- *Morality/Christian Living**—nurturing families in values & virtues.
- *Service**—empowering families to work for social justice & serve those in need as Jesus did.

Through our core values we strive to cultivate the faith and form disciples.

- *Reverence** for the Word of God is fostered.
- *Doctrine & History** of the Catholic faith is presented both as knowledge to be learned and as a life to be lived.
- *Prayer** is important for growth in spiritual life: liturgy/Mass, prayer services, personal prayer, Lectio Divina, the Rosary, etc.
- *Values & Virtues** are fostered and lived in everyday life.
- *The Gospel** message and moral life expressed in the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy are professed, cultivated and practiced in everyday life.
- *Sacramental life** is central to developing the Catholic faith.

Polices Continued

***Behavior/Discipline**—Students are expected to be courteous and to be reasonably quiet, conducive to a fair learning environment for everyone. Disrespect for self, classmates or catechists will be reported to staff. If necessary, parents may be called to discuss behavior with the Faith Formation staff.

***Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco**—The possession, sale or use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco or any other controlled substances on the parish grounds, property, or while participating in a parish sponsored event is strictly forbidden. Parents and/or guardians will be notified and violations will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

***Firearms/ Weapons, Dangerous Objects**—Any object brought to the faith formation programs that would endanger the safety of any or all participants is prohibited and the offender is subject to discipline and expulsion procedures. Parent and/or guardians will be notified and violations will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

***Classroom Session Requirements:**

Diocesan curriculum guidelines state content should be covered in a 30-35 hour program.

Arrival for sessions: Students should not arrive for sessions until 10 minutes before they begin. Parents should drop them off at the door. They will be greeted by staff and directed where to go. Catechists will meet their students at the classroom door. Parents are welcome to walk their students to their rooms, if desired.

Dismissal: ***Parents in Grades 3-6*** are asked to wait outside for their students. The catechist will bring the class outside, they will wait with the class until each student is picked up. ***Parents in Grades 1 & 2*** are welcome to wait outside the classroom. Grade 1 will be released first, then second, third, etc.

Prayer for my Family

May your presence, most loving Jesus, ever bless our home and fill it with the virtues so perfectly practiced in your own Holy Family at Nazareth. Protect us from all dangers, bless our endeavors, and keep always in our family the spirit of love, peace, and happiness. Amen.



St. Louis Faith Formation Program

2022-2023

Calendar & Handbook



Website: www.stlouisdyckesville.com

Facebook: St. Louis Religious Education

****Dates and times are subject to change****

Policies

***Attendance** is very important. Parents are asked to notify their student's coordinator of absences from class or early dismissal by phone or written notice.

***To be eligible for Confirmation**, students must attend sessions regularly.

***Make-up Assignments**, when you are absent it is expected that make-up work will be completed prior to the next session.

***Inclement weather** policy is when Luxemburg– Casco School District cancels school, or calls off early, sessions are also cancelled. If you are unsure of a cancellation, please contact your child's coordinator.

***Regular participation in the life of the parish** is expected of all Catholic students in such activities as Mass, Sacraments, service, etc. Attendance is the responsibility of the parents as parents are the primary spiritual teachers.

***Hand held electronic devices** are to be turned off during sessions unless directed by leader. All devices must also be turned off during prayer and when in Church. Youth who abuse this will be asked to turn them in and parents will be contacted.

***Harassment policy**: It is the policy of the programs governed by the Diocesan Board of Total Catholic Education to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from any sexual harassment or any other type of harassment. No employee, volunteer, or student associated with these programs shall be subject to any sexual harassment or any other type of harassment. It shall be a violation of this policy for any employee, volunteer, or student to harass another employee, volunteer, or student.

***Dress Code**: All clothing should reflect the values and morals of our Catholic beliefs. It is the policy of the Diocese of Green Bay that all students, staff, and volunteers must follow the dress code expectations of the biological sex while on premises for classes, Confirmation preparation or youth ministry and while representing the parish or program at outside functions. Clothing with inappropriate sayings, images, bare midriffs, low cut, as well as inappropriate accessories are not permitted. If a youth arrives wearing inappropriate attire, we will discuss it, if it occurs again a warning will be issued, then parents will be notified.

Participation in the Faith Formation program is only one part of the family's responsibility. At Baptism, you as parents and godparents, promised to bring your child up in the Catholic faith; that means teaching him/her to pray, how to worship and how to serve others.

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Youth Masses

We ask that parents be present for these Masses to worship and support your child(ren) in their ministry roles.

Oct 9 @10:00 Mass Grades 7 & 8 involved in Ministries

Nov 13 @10:00 Mass Grades 1 & 6 involved in Ministries

Jan 22 @10:00 Mass Grades 2 & 5 involved in Ministries

Feb 22 @7:00 Mass High School involved in Ministries

Mar 26 @10:00 Mass Grades 3 & 4 involved in Ministries



Service Opportunities

*Tie Blankets—Our young people are invited to make tie blankets for Operation Warm Up. Blankets are given to families in Kewaunee County who need them.

*Food Collection—We collect food for the Christmas Giving Program.

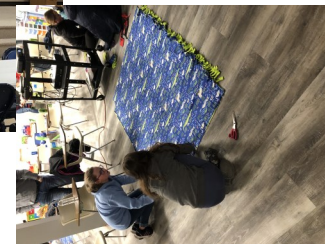
*Cards for the shut ins—Students make cards for the shut ins of the parish and we mail them.



Mission Trips

Changing lives while building

IGNITE has sponsored over 10 mission trips since it began, sending over 100 young people and chaperones to Montana, Missouri, Minnesota, South Carolina, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Tennessee to extend their hands, feet, and hearts by serving those in need. They've painted, done yard work, served in soup kitchens, helped at day cares, and even helped build a house for Habitat for Humanity. Each trip is filled with opportunities for service, prayer, and friendship, all while having fun and deepening their faith in Jesus.



Please pray for our youth!

Prayer calendars listing all of our middle and high school youth are available in church. Please pick one up and include them in your prayers.

Peer Ministry

Peer Ministry is another component of Youth Ministry. Teens in peer ministry meet the same Wednesday as Faith Formation from 6:30-7:00pm and then faith formation from 7:00-8:30pm. During meetings the high school youth pray and faith share together, play games, and plan future events. These peer ministers are our leaders (peers who minister to their peers). They brainstorm, plan and implement our Large Group Events. Call Bobbie Jo Pieschek for more information (920)493-5464.

“I finally found a place where I belong. Everyone is so willing to grow with you and help you along. Youth ministry could not be more rewarding for me.” past student

“I have not only strengthened my faith, but found my best friends.” past student

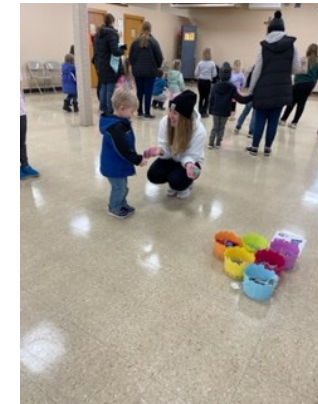
Do you enjoy working with the high school youth? We are in need of adult volunteers to assist with many of our activities. Please consider joining us by contacting Bobbie Jo Pieschek (920)493-5464.



More Service Opportunities

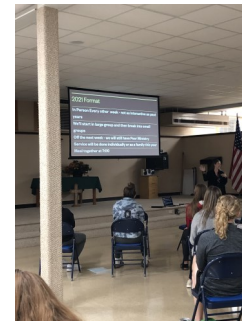
Easter Egg Hunt

IGNITE YM sponsors an Easter Egg Hunt annually for ages 0-12.



30 Hour Famine

We don't want to just sit around while as many as 70,000 children die from hunger. Youth spend time fasting, praying, and raising money for World Vision.



Sacramental Programs

To participate in the sacramental program regular attendance is necessary. If students have not completed the necessary fundamentals, they will need to do remedial work before beginning the sacramental program.

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Reconciliation

Coordinator— Jean Stein

Parent & Student Meeting— Wed. Nov. 16 @5:45pm
Celebration of Sacrament—Wed. Dec. 7

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First Holy Eucharist

Coordinator—Jean Stein

Parent & Student Meeting— Wed. March 29 @5:45pm
Retreat—Sat. April 22 @9:00–1:00
Student Sessions—Wed. April 12, 19, & 26 @5:45pm
Practice—Sat. May 6 @10:00am
Celebration of the Sacrament—Sun. May 7 @10:00am

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What is Youth Ministry? Simply put, it is our High School Faith Formation program. IGNITE Youth Ministry strives to take the head (book) knowledge, learned in grades 1-8, and move it to the heart where our high school youth learn to live out their faith by *“Building a community of enthusiastic disciples of Jesus,”* which is the mission of our program.

It involves **ALL of our high school youth** and is supported by St. Louis Parish. We hope to do this through youth ministry events, serving others and most importantly, growing in our faith.

To be effective today, we cannot minister to our youth in the same way that many of us learned our faith. We need to engage them in a variety of activities and opportunities.

In addition, we offer a **variety of opportunities** for high school teens. Some of our past events include participating in the 30 Hour Famine, movie and game nights, camp fire evenings, summer retreat, sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt and a Christmas Dance.

We also like to serve our community through such things as food drives for local food pantries, highway clean-ups, and making meals for homeless shelters and families in need. For the past ten plus years, Youth Ministry has sponsored a Mission Trip during the summer.

Youth ministry is a great way to meet new people, grow in faith, and have fun. Join us on Facebook (St. Louis Religious Education)

Ministering to Teens

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In
God's
Name
I'll
Tell
Everyone

Confirmation

Coordinator—Kathy Prevost

Session Leader—Diane Engels

Sponsor & Candidate Meeting—Sun. Sept. 11 @11:00am

Retreat—Sun. Oct. 16 @8-4 (Candidates only)

@Our Lady of Good Help Shrine

Sessions for Candidates 7:00-8:30pm

Sept. 14 & 28

Oct. 5,12,19, & 26

Nov. 2,9,16, & 30

Dec. 7 & 14

Rosary Walk—Sat. Nov. 12 @9:00am

@Our Lady of Good Help Shrine

Sponsor & Candidate Mass & Potluck — Sun. Jan. 15 @10:00

Practice—TBA

Celebration of Sacrament—TBA

Graduation Blessing—Sun. May 21 @10:00 Mass



Faith Formation Schedule

Grades 1-6 from 5:45-7:00pm on Wednesdays

Changes in schedule will be noted in the bulletin and/or notice given to parents.

Weeks not meeting in person there will be chapter lessons to cover at home as a family.

Sept. 14 from 4:30-6:30

In Person Picnic Kick Off

Oct. 5, 12, & 26

12 - Prayer Walk

Nov. 9 & 30

12 - Rosary Walk

Dec. 7—First Reconciliation only

Dec. 14

Jan. 11 & 25

Feb. 8, 15, & 22

15 - GIFT Night—attend with family

22 - Ash Wednesday Mass—attend with family

March 1, 8, & 22

8 - Living Stations

22—Reconciliation



Faith Formation Schedule

Grades 7-11 from 7:00-8:30pm on Wednesdays

Changes in schedule will be noted in the bulletin and/or notice given to parents.

Weeks not meeting in person there will be work to cover at home.

Sept. 14 from 4:30-6:30

In Person Picnic Kick Off

Sept. 28

Oct. 12 & 19

12 - Prayer Walk

Nov. 2, 12, & 16

12 - Rosary Walk

Dec. 7

Jan. 18

Feb. 1, 15, & 22

15 - GIFT Night—attend with family

22 - Ash Wednesday Mass—attend with family

March 1, 8, 22, & 29

8 - Living Stations & Adoration

