

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

2011-2012 YOUTH MINISTRY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & REQUIREMENTS



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JUNIOR HIGH – WEDNESDAY NIGHT

- ❑ The primary Junior High Group will meet Wednesday evenings in Parish Center in the Upper Level (PCUL) from 6:30pm - 7:45pm.
- ❑ Youth should go directly to the PCUL through the glass link doors. (Do not report to the Church)
- ❑ This year we will focus on using the gifts of the Holy Spirit to grow in kindness for one another, and work at letting God's mercy grow more abundantly in our lives.
- ❑ Leaders: Phaedra Dibala, and TBD

JUNIOR HIGH – SUNDAY MORNING

- ❑ Junior High youth that are unable to make it to the Wednesday night meeting, will meet Sundays at 11:00 in the Parish Center Lower Level (PCLL).
- ❑ Leaders: Phaedra Dibala, Angela Bischoff, & TBD

HIGH SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY NIGHT

- ❑ High School Youth meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm - 7:45pm in the POBB* except for 2nd Wed.
- ❑ The second Wednesday of each month, Youth in their Junior & Senior Years will meet at the Fr. Bernard Youth Center at 6:30-8 pm
- ❑ There will be various components including Prayer & deepening Spirituality, Social Justice, Catechesis, Community Building & Fun!
- ❑ This years' emphasis for catechesis will be Knowing Jesus, the 'why' and 'how' of Prayer, Theology of the Body for Teens, & Changes in the Mass.
- ❑ Leaders: Bernadette Wagner, Greg Schmidt, Lucy Astorga & other young adults.

HIGH SCHOOL – SUNDAY MORNING

- ❑ High School Youth that are unable to attend Wednesday night will meet Sunday morning from 11:00am - 12:15pm in the POBB.
- ❑ The second Wednesday of each month, Juniors & Seniors are encouraged to meet at the Fr. Bernard Youth Center at 6:30pm.
- ❑ Leaders: Bernadette Wagner & Seminarians

CONFIRMATION

- ❑ The Archdioceses guidelines state Confirmation should take place the Freshman or Sophomore year, emphasis on Sophomore year. St. Mary's has adopted the Sophomore year as the year for Confirmation.
- ❑ St. Mary's requires that, unless the youth attends Catholic School, they must be ACTIVE in St. Mary's Youth Group for at least a year PRIOR to beginning preparation classes for Confirmation. At least 50%
- ❑ A copy of the youth's Baptismal Certificate, along with the baptizing parishes address needs to be turned in once child is registered.
- ❑ CANDIDATES MUST ATTEND SUNDAY MASS, every Sunday!
- ❑ Youth will be required to choose a SPONSOR and must turn in the "Sponsors Form" before the Parent/ Sponsor / Candidate Banquet on Nov. 7th. Sponsor must be a Confirmed practicing Catholic in good standing with the church.
- ❑ There are eight (9) REQUIRED Confirmation Classes. They are the 1st* Sunday of the month* from 6pm - 8pm. You are able to do one (1) make-up class with pre-approval. If you are a 'no show' and 'no call' for any required class, youth & parents may have to meet with Bernadette and/or Father, and may also need to wait until the following year to be confirmed. Confirmation Retreat, Feb 10-12 is also REQUIRED.
- ❑ PARENTS & SPONSORS* will also be attending class at the same time as Candidates during the Oct, Dec, Feb, and April meetings. *Sponsors miss October.
- ❑ PARENTS will be given a list of QUESTIONS that they are expected to go over and teach their child. Dates this should be done by are listed on the question sheet, Youth should then bring in the answer sheet, written not typed.
- ❑ Youth are required to attend the regular High School Youth Group either on Sunday or Wednesday. >50%
- ❑ Candidates will need to do a 3 page, typed, double spaced SAINT REPORT. The report should be done on the name they have chosen for Confirmation. Due February 5, 2012.
- ❑ Candidates must also turn in a Summary of their SERVICE ACTIVITIES and be expected to participate in the various opportunities that are set up.

PLEASE NOTE

- **TAKING IT HOME** – As parents, you are the primary teacher of the faith! It is your responsibility that your children are loving, learning & understanding their faith. Make sure to never miss Sunday Mass & pray often as a family. Please take time each week to go over what went on and what was taught in the classes.
- **BIBLES** – Every youth should have a bible! Their own bible! And bring it to class! Scripture is a huge part of our faith, so it is very important that we be familiar and comfortable with it, so that we are more able to LOVE it!
- **ATTENDANCE** – For all classes, if a student is going to be absent, the Youth Ministry Office should be contacted. Each week, classes build upon the last, so to miss some would not only keep your child from learning the faith, but would also hinder the growth of the entire class. We must be good stewards of our finances and to purchase books and supplies for kids that do not attend is a misuse of our limited resources. If your child misses too many classes they will fall behind, and will not be considered active*(a requirement for the sacraments).
- **BOOKS** – For Confirmation classes, youth will be assigned a workbook and journal. They are expected to bring the books to every class. If book is lost, a replacement charge of \$20 is due.
- **CELL PHONES** – Cell Phones are not to be used at all during class time. If your child has cell phone issues please take the phone before they get to class. If they are seen, they will be confiscated and if they are confiscated, parents may be required to come claim the phone.
- **CHANGES** - Times may change due to seasons or other unknown reasons.
- Watch for mailings and things coming home with youth. Please provide email for the easiest way to contact.
- Listen to announcements at Mass and read bulletins.