

Youth will be invited and encouraged to travel the following four avenues to experience the beliefs, and engage in the practices of our Catholic Christian community:



W orship & Prayer
E ducation
B uilding Community
S ervice

By offering a variety of activities and balancing these four areas, we can be assured of having a well-rounded ministry and a comprehensive faith formation process.

JR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY and YM events:

A night of fun, friends and faith to help build up the youth community: the 7th/8th grade Youth Group will meet twice a month on FRIDAYS from 6:30-8:00 in the youth room!!! We will also continue our annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Parents, prepared & served by the youth! We also run a 30-Hour Famine, Mardi Gras, ecumenical events with local churches !!!

Set aside these dates:

Thanksgiving Dinner for Parents: November 13th

Youth Ministry Mardi Gras: February 16th

Snowcamp: February 19-21

Famine Orientation, March 21, 2010 7:30

30-Hour Famine: April 23-24, 2010

Sharefest day of service at local schools

Schools Out Blowout at Greeley Park

Participants who attend both the orientation on March 21st and the famine will receive a personalized gift!!!

We have CYO basketball and cheerleading! Watch the bulletin for sign-ups in September!!!



We also sponsor a scout troop for boys who are interested!

MUSIC MINISTRY

The music leadership for the 6:30 Sunday evening Masses consists of youth and adults. The group incorporates guitars, flute, saxophone, keyboard, etc. and voice. Youth in grades 7-12 interested in making a weekly commitment to practice at 5:30 PM on Sundays are encouraged and welcome to join!



St Kathryn Youth and Family Ministry

Jr High

2009-2010 Handbook

(grades 7 and 8)

**KEEP THIS BOOK FOR REFERENCE
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!!!**

We try our best to follow the schedules listed.

At times we may be asked to change... please refer to the parish bulletin and the youth newsletter, The Mustard Seed, for updates.



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JR. HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

For the educational component of the Jr. High program, families have 2 options.

The **Saturday morning** monthly option has youth meeting in one large group focusing on one theme, with activities, discussions, etc. being conducted in small groups. Sixth graders from the Children's Program are also invited to sign up for this option. Parents of those registered are asked to sign up for kitchen, hospitality ministry as well as facilitating a table grouping.



The **Faith Discussion** option held weekly on Mondays meets as a small group to discuss faith topics of interest chosen by the participants. We are offering 2 sessions for this weekly small group gathering: 5-6:15 and 7-8:15.

Workcamp 2010: open to 8TH GRADERS

Workcamp is a week of repairing homes of the elderly, handicapped and those with financial difficulties, as well as an opportunity to share and live our faith with 400-500 other Christian youth from around the country. During the course of the year, participants will be involved in servanthood training sessions, as well as in fund-raising efforts for registration and transportation costs (about \$500-\$700). **The first workcamp meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 27th at 7:30.** Please understand that participants are expected to work together and meet as needed to help each other earn the necessary funds! It's an incredible experience !!! We work with Group Workcamps out of Loveland Colorado. For more info, their website is www.groupworkcamps.com



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Coupon!

Dinner at "Chez Sue"

You and a friend are invited to have dinner at Sue's house with her family!

To make reservations
please call 882-7793
or e-mail Sue at

Sue.Levesque@Stkathryns.org



(Transportation is provided)

OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open
Monday-Thursday 8AM - Noon and 1-4PM,

Cancellations

If weather or other unforeseen circumstances causes us to cancel classes or other events, Sue will leave a message on her voice-mail (882-7793 ext. 204).

A MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

In an effort to serve the ministry of presence, and to promote that faith is to be lived beyond Sundays and outside of the church building, we will seek to minister as Jesus by going to where the people are. It would be extremely helpful if you would inform Sue of youth events (games, recitals, dances, concerts, etc.) so she & other adults can offer support and encouragement, as well as attempt to meet youth "on their own turf", rather than waiting in an office or at church for them to come.



Goals and Challenges

As commissioned by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, we will pay special attention to the characteristics and needs of our youth individually and collectively in striving to serve the three goals of youth ministry as outlined in their document Renewing the Vision:

- † To empower young people to live as Jesus' disciples in our world today!
- † To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.
- † To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

The Jr High program is here to assist parents in nurturing their son/daughter's faith development as they promised at his/her baptism, and to supplement what is already going on at home. We cannot do all the education for families. Parents are the primary educators for their children... "children learn what they live". How we respond to the needs of others, whether we pray or not, how we talk to and treat each other, whether we make time each week to gather as the family of God or not, etc. speaks a very profound and clear message to our children. If we are striving to live our faith authentically, then the religious ed program will be supporting families' efforts in developing faith and our children/teens will not be receiving a mixed message.

Attendance Expectations

It is very distracting for youth to be taken out early or arriving late to class. Each gathering incorporates activities that build on each other and then culminate so that the topic of the month can be learned in a complete manner. If they arrive late, they miss the foundation... leave early, they miss the whole theme being put together. Because of group dynamics, and so as not to disrupt the flow of the educational process or the closing prayer, nor cause a distraction, we so appreciate your insuring your child participates from beginning to end. We appreciate your respecting the value of each element of the class for which you register your children.

Curriculum

We will be working with The BIBLE extensively. We will use a variety of other Catholic and Christian resources covering topics such as Church History, the Church Today, God as revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures, Jesus, Morality, Sacraments, Prayer, the Liturgical Year etc. We will also use other youth ministry publications that cover topics such as self-image, relationships, communication, media, moods, fears, etc.



Please take note:

In trying to be good stewards of parish monies, we are no longer mailing class reminders, the youth newsletter (the Mustard Seed) etc. We are asking you to do your part in keeping informed by picking these up at the church and/or office as well as referring to Rel Ed Handbooks, the parish bulletin, making use of the parish website and St Kathryn's Youth Ministry Facebook.

Saturday Schedule 9-Noon in the hall

September 26
October 17
November 21
December 19
January 9
February 6
March 6
April 10

Monday Weekly Faith Discussions

5-6:15 or 7-8:15
in the youth room

September 28
October 5, 19, and 26
November 2, 16, 23 & 30
December 7 and 14
January 4, 11, and 25
February 1 and 8
March 1, 8, 15, 22
April 5 and 12

We are blessed with a Youth Room, located underneath the office building, The room has a sitting area, board games, videos, etc. and will be the meeting place for our youth group meetings as well as the Faith Discussion Option. The entrance is behind the office building.

For the safety of our parish youth, all adult volunteers for the religious ed program are screened.