

Youth Group 2024-2025 (as of 7/3/2024)

“Youth Group” is our current formation program for Grades 6-12. This program runs from September –April concurrently with our Confirmation program. **Students who are also preparing for Confirmation, must attend both Youth Group and Confirmation Preparation(see the back of this page for additional information.** Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6 & 7) are using Pflaum Gospel Weeklies. High School Youth Group (Grades 8-12) have DISCIPLESHIP as our theme this year. Both meet on Sundays from 6:30p-8:00p. Celebrate Youth Mass is typically held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the 11:15a Mass and is led by a specific grade. Students are expected to attend both Celebrate Youth Mass AND Youth Group. “Optional Meal” is held on Sunday’s from 5:30p-6:30p to allow for increased opportunities to socialize outside of class. Parents/Families are invited to sign up to prepare and serve one of those meals. Included in this calendar are Youth Group events scheduled at the current time. Save the Dates!

FALL SEMESTER

September 21 (Sat)	Confirmation Day Retreat #1
September 22 (Sun)	<i>Christian Formation Kick Off Talent Show</i>
September 29	Youth Group & Youth Choir (5p)
October 5	<i>Youth Day at Busch Gardens</i>
October 5/6-26/27	<i>Fundraiser/Wreaths</i>
October 6	Youth Group & Youth Choir (5p)
October 13	Youth Group & Youth Choir (5p)
October 20	Celebrate Youth Mass 11:15a 6th Grade to Coordinate Youth Choir 5:30p Youth Group 6:30-8:00p
October 26	<i>Youth Group Fall Festival (8-2)</i>
October 27	<i>Youth Group/Trunk or Treat</i>
November 3	Youth Group & Youth Choir (5p)
November 10	Youth Group & Youth Choir (5p)
November 17	Celebrate Youth Mass 11:15a 7th Grade to Coordinate Youth Group 6:30-8:00p
November 24	Youth Group & Youth Choir (5)
December 1	NO Youth Group & Youth Choir
December 6	<i>Give A Parent A Hand- Babysitting (6p-9p)</i>
December 8	Youth Group-Walk Thru Bethlehem No Evening Youth Meal, Youth Group or Youth Choir
December 14/15	<i>Laura McKelvey Cookie Sale</i>
December 15	Celebrate Youth Mass 8th Grade to Coordinate Youth Choir 5:00p Youth Group 6:30-8:00p
Dec.22-Jan 19	NO Youth Group & Youth Choir
December 24	<i>Living Nativity</i>
Dec. 27/28	<i>MS New Years Lock In</i>

WINTER SEMESTER

January 5	Youth Group & Youth Choir (5p)
January 12	Youth Group & Youth Choir (5p)
January 17-19	Confirmation Weekend Retreat Celebrate Youth Mass 11:15a 10th Grade to coordinate
January 26	Youth Group & Youth Choir (5p)
February 2	Youth Group & Youth Choir (5p)
February 9	Youth Group (1:00p-3:00p) No Youth Choir Super Bowl Diocesan Youth Conference
February 14-16	Celebrate Youth Mass 11:15a 9th Grade to coordinate St. Ann Scout Sunday
February 16	Youth Group & Youth Choir (5p)
February 23	Youth Group & Youth Choir (5p)
March 2	<i>HS Shadow Stations (7p)</i>
March 7	Youth Group & Youth Choir (5p)
March 9	Celebrate Youth Mass 11:15a 11th/12th Grade to Coordinate Youth Choir 5:30p Youth Group 6:30-8:00p
March 16	Youth Group & Youth Choir (5p)
March 23	NO Youth Group (Spring Break, Palm Sunday, and Easter <i>MS Experiential Stations (7p)</i> Confirmation Holy Thursday Foot Washing 6p-8p
March 30-April 20	Youth Group & Youth Choir (5p)
April 11	5th grade Bridging gathering Final Celebrate Youth Mass 11:15a 5th Grade to Coordinate Final Youth Group
April 17	<i>Graduation Blessing/Awards Youth Ministry Spring Bazaar Sacramental Celebration</i>
April 14	
April 27	
May 4	
May 31/June 1	
June 7	
June 8	

Confirmation Preparation consists of 2 day retreats on Saturday, September 21, and one in the Spring (once we know when Confirmation is scheduled) both from 10:00a-6:00p **AND** a Weekend Retreat scheduled for January 17-19, 2025. **Students who are preparing for Confirmation, must attend both Youth Group and Confirmation Preparation.** Please note that these dates, and regular participation in Youth Group, are mandatory for Confirmation preparation. Please notify Elise of any conflicts as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements can be made!

INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO CLASSES BEGINNING:

- **Baptism Certificate**—Please notify Elise if you were baptized at St. Ann so that verification can be done. Baptism certificates must be “new” this year and must include “notations” on the back. Please make sure to ask for this when requesting new certificates. Previous submissions cannot be used.
- **Sponsor Information**—A sponsor information sheet is available for completion. A Sponsor log sheet will be due in April. Log sheets are to be completed by both the student and the sponsor.
- **Retreat Waiver**—Please turn in a completed retreat waiver by Sept 21. Please notify Elise at this time, or as soon as possible, if there are conflicts with retreat dates.

ADDITIONAL FORMS TO RECEIVE:

- SPONSOR ATTESTATION FORM
- SPONSOR LOG SHEET
- RETREAT WAIVER
- LETTER TO THE PASTOR
- INTERVIEW PREPARATION FORM

FAQ's

1. **When is Confirmation?** Confirmation dates are scheduled by the diocese. Generally, those final dates will come out in October. As soon as I get them, I will share them with you. It has been suggested that our dates will probably be toward the end of April. Rehearsal will be the Sunday before the date.
2. **What do Sponsors need to do?** Sponsors need to meet with their student to talk about “stuff”. The log in sheet offers some conversation recommendations, but often students will have questions or experiences to talk about. Sponsors are encouraged to attend the Closing Mass for Confirmation Retreat and other Retreat responsibilities.
3. **Communication?** Specific Communication with parents will happen via email and Constant Contact. There are things we choose not to share with students that will be sent in this manner. Please watch out for those communications. Parents/Students are responsible for sharing any information with Sponsors.
4. **Orientation?** Orientation will happen on Saturday, September 21 from 10a until about 11a. At this time, I will review all expectations of students, parents and sponsors. If you are unable to attend, please contact Elise to receive an orientation packet. Retreat Waiver, Sponsor Attestation Form and Baptism Certificates are due at this time. Sponsor Logs and Letter to the Pastor will be due at the time of their interview in the Spring.