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Faith Formation Programs

<u>Empowering God's Children</u> is a program developed by VIRTUS online to be used in Catholic Schools and parishes to assist children and young people in recognizing their dignity and to advocate for their own physical and emotional protection. It is of vital importance that EVERY child and youth be given the opportunity to take part in this critical element of our Safe Environment Program because of the practical life skills it teaches young people. It will not be mandatory, and parental consent (form included) is required.

Elementary Christian Formation-(*PreK-4yrs thru 5th grade*) Classes are offered on Sunday mornings -9:45-11:00am. This year we will continue to use the curriculum of *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* which offers a lectionary-based approach to learning about our faith. The program introduces the weekly Gospel reading, so it is a great way to know what your child is learning in class. This also provides a foundation that enables your child to understand and engage in the Gospel reading during mass. We will offer two <u>Fun with Faith</u> days which will allow your family to participate together in prayer, instruction, and fellowship. A schedule of classes, which includes dates for Fun with Faith days, is included in this packet.

Sacramental Preparation-students in second grade, and older, are invited to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Sacramental Preparation includes a Parent Orientation as well as three classes for parents and students prior to receiving each sacrament. Parents will be notified of the dates when Parent Orientation and Sacramental Preparation will begin. Parents are required to attend sacramental parent orientation prior to children beginning sacramental preparation classes.

Children's Liturgy of the Word-will be offered during the Sunday masses during October –May. Children 4yrs through second grade are invited to attend. During CLOW, children will engage in prayer and will hear the weekly reading and the Gospel presented at their developmental level. Availability of this program is dependent on having enough volunteers to support the program.

Vacation Bible School-a week of songs, crafts and activities based on Bible related themes is offered during the summer. This is available to families with children Kindergarten through 5th grade. Middle and High School students are welcome and encouraged to participate as volunteers. Availability of this program is dependent on having enough volunteers to support the program.

MS/HS Formation: Each Week both Middle and High School students will gather in the Worship Space for opening welcome and prayer. Following this, middle school (6th & 7th) and our JR/SR group will go to their designated areas for their sessions. 8th-10th graders will remain in the Worship Space. All groups will re-gather at the conclusion of sessions for announcements and closing prayer. There is a specific "Pick Up Protocol". Please review the enclosed instructions and follow accordingly. Thank you! Please note that Celebrate Youth Masses are typically held on the 3rd Sunday of each month during the regularly scheduled 11:15a Mass. This is an "official class", hosted by individual grades, and students are expected to attend! There IS Youth Group in the Evening!

Middle School Youth Group – grades 6-7 – Our middle school students use the Pflaum Gospel Weekly, Vision, which offers a lectionary-based approach to learning about our faith, as the basis for their classroom breakouts. Additional seasonal information/activities may be included, or replace specific weeks, depending on appropriate timing.

High School Youth Group – grades 8-12 – The High School program follows a 4-year cycle using the 4 pillars of the Catechism: Creed, Sacraments, Morality and Prayer and Discipleship (Prayer is woven into all 4 years and is not a separate yearly theme). Our theme for the 2023-2024 year is "Discipleship". Students will meet in large group sessions with informal small group breakouts. Our 11th/12th grade students will spend time in more in-depth conversation on the theme for the year and at times assist with the presentation at large. Additional seasonal information/activities may be included, or replace specific weeks, depending on appropriate timing. If you have a tenth grader preparing for Confirmation, participation in HS Youth Group is a requirement.

<u>Confirmation –</u> grade 10 – All tenth graders preparing for Confirmation will be expected to attend High School Youth group <u>AND</u> a kickoff day-long retreat (Sept 16), a weekend retreat (January 12-14) and a final retreat (scheduled after celebrating the Sacrament) geared specifically toward Confirmation preparation.

There is an optional meal plan for those interested in participating in the meal offered during the hour prior to regular formation sessions. We have a one-time \$30 fee, or a recommended \$5 fee per meal, for students interested in participating in this social time. *Please be sure to check the box if your child is interested in participating in the meal option each week.* CATECHIST ORIENTATION and PICNIC: September 10, at 1:00p-4:00p

VIRTUS TRAINING: All adults (18+) must complete VIRTUS training to work with youth. These trainings can be registered for at <u>www.virtusonline.org</u>. You must register for a session through this link. Contact the Christian Formation Staff with any questions or concerns.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: We need YOU for the programs to be successful! Helping with formation is an exciting and rewarding opportunity for you to grow in your faith as well as to pass our faith onto our children/ youth. Please write "Mom/Dad/Youth" next to the job she/he is willing to do this year!

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FORMATION OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUITIES **ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION** Children's Liturgy of the Word (1X monthly during Elementary Catechist or Co-catechist Adult Small group leader liturgy of your choice—October - May) Sacramental Preparation Catechist Assistant/Co-Catechist Vacation Bible School Youth Choir for Celebrate Youth Mass (Youth & Adults) Elementary Aide (assists catechist weekly) Co-Director (2 needed) Substitute Catechist or Aide Confirmation Peer Leader (Confirmed 11th & 12th grader) Volunteer Coordinator Team mtgs are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month Office Manager Station Leader (leads group activities) Help with Family Events or Special Activities 6:30p-8:30p Crew Leaders (leads small group) Prepare a Sunday Meal before Youth Group Teen Helpers (MS & HS) Assist with food & set-up for meals **Decorating Committee** Help with Confirmation Reception (9th grade parents)

Teach

<u>Teaching Safety-Empowering God's Children Program</u> <u>Parental Consent Form</u>

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian,

Please complete the form below to consent that your child may participate in the *Teaching Safety-Empowering God's Children Program* at St. Ann Catholic Church on September 24, 2023. This form will provide consent for all gatherings related to this program unless the parent/legal guardian gives written notification to staff that consent has been withdrawn.

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