

2023-24 9th Grade Youth Ministry Schedule

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Classes are held on the following Sundays, 11:00am-12:00pm, with the exception of retreats. Please choose one retreat. Parent chaperones are needed for retreats; please contact Karin if you are able to help for all or part of the day. **All chaperones are required to have completed or complete the Safeguarding God's Family training and background check prior to retreat.** Questions? Please email or call kfelske@stmattoc.org, 414-762-4200 ext. 114.

Sunday, October 8: Welcome/Get to know students "An introduction to the Bible"

Sunday October 22: The Early World

Monday November 1: All Saints Day, Families welcome to attend Mass at 6:30pm

Tuesday November 2: All Souls Day, Families welcome to attend 7:00pm prayer service and Cemetery Procession

November 12: Patriarchs and Egypt

No class November 26

December 10: Exodus, Joshua and Judges

Saturday December 16th: Retreat option #1 at St. Matthew, with *Spiritus Ministries* "Title TBD" 10:30am-5:00pm (Includes Mass). Sign up by December 1st via [Sign Up Genius](#). Separate permission form required. Parent chaperones needed. Contact Karin Felske if you are available to help, kfelske@stmattoc.org

No class December 24

January 14: Kingdom of God: United and Divided

No class January 28

Saturday February 3: Retreat option #2: with St. Mary by the Lake, 10:30am-6:30pm. Includes 5:30pm Mass. Separate permission form required. Please sign up by Monday, January 22nd via [Sign up Genius](#). Parent chaperones needed. Contact Karin Felske if you are available to help, kfelske@stmattoc.org "Doing Justice 7 days a Week" (CMD session in retreat binder)

February 11 Safeguarding God's Family Lesson (Materials provided from the archdiocese)

February 14 - Wed. - Ash Wednesday. Families are welcome to attend Mass at St. Matthew with your family at 6:30pm, and the soup and sandwich meal (free) served from 4:30-6:00pm in the cafeteria.

No class February 25th: Attend Lenten presentation February 27 and 28: please meet with your catechist in the gathering space prior to the mission.

Sunday March 10: Exile, Return and Revolt

March 24th: Palm Sunday—attend Mass as a family.

April 14th: Final class Jesus and the Gospels

Holy Week: Attend Mass as a Family

March 24th: Palm Sunday

March 28th: Holy Thursday at 7pm

March 29th: Good Friday 1pm

March 30th: Blessing of Easter Food, St. Matt's main church, 2:00pm

March 30th: Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) 8pm

Service: Students are expected to complete service to the parish and community, for a total of 30 service hours by the time of Confirmation. Below are some opportunities throughout the year. Please contact Karin with any questions. Additional opportunities may come up during the year. Please watch your email for additional information.

- **Choir member or cantor:** sing at special events throughout the year. Contact Chris O'Loughlin, coloughlin@stmattoc.org.
- **Greeter Ministry:** Greet families and individuals in the gathering space as they arrive to the parish; 30 minutes before Mass begins. Click here to sign up.
- **Sandwich Sunday at St. Matthew:** 2nd Sunday of the month, 9:00am- 9:30am in the school cafeteria. Help make and pack sandwiches for Guest House of Milwaukee. Please contact Karin to sign up. Masks are required for Sandwich Sunday.
- **Bingo at Elizabeth Residence in Oak Creek:** 2nd Thursday of each month, 5:45pm-7pm. Students help residents with bingo cards and calling bingo numbers. Separate permission form needed—please see our website for the form.
- **Friday February 9, 2024: Holy Name Card Party at St. Matthew.** Students help with handing out popcorn and raffle tickets to guests at the card party. Additional information to follow—this is an evening event.
- **Sunday May 12, 2024: Mother's Day Breakfast.** Students help with serving coffee and beverages at the breakfast in the St. Matthew Cafeteria, additional info to follow.