



PIER MINISTRY



Pier Ministry

At Holy Family Parish,

Caledonia, MI

Mission

A high school leadership team who are well formed disciples of Christ who “inspire every heart to know, love and serve Jesus Christ”, especially middle school students and peers.

Pier Minister Description

A Pier Minister is an active practicing Catholic (Junior or Senior) high school student willing to serve as a disciple of Christ to middle school students and peers while upholding the teachings of the Catholic Church and good morals.

Patron Saints

St. Peter the Apostle & Blessed Carlos Acutis

Pier Minister Description

What is a Pier Minister?

A High School student who serves middle school students as a leader through strong role models through authentic relationships. A Pier Minister strives to work and uphold the characteristics of a Pier Minister as listed below, knowing that we all are fallen and broken but seeking to live a fearless life of holiness.

Characteristics of a Pier Minister

- Willingness to serve
- Loves to share the Gospel with others
- Kind and compassionate to all people
- Welcoming and inclusive of all
- Strong prayer life and personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Working towards Sainthood
- Humble in leadership
- Able to work well with others on the team
- Able to be professional and work well with adults and peers
- Living a chaste and holy life

The Pier Ministers role in middle school ministry

- Welcome Students as they arrive
- Interact with students or play games as they are arriving and during free time
- Help to lead games, prayers and activities as needed for that night
 - All of this will be planned with the adults when you arrive for the night
- Lead small groups
 - Using the training provided at the meetings
- Serve where you are needed and asked
- Praying for the students you are serving
- Helping with the retreats as needed and planned for the year
- Being a well-behaved example at the programs or retreats you attend
- Pier Ministry is NOT
 - Only there to set up or clean up
 - To just be a participant of Middle School
 - To just all hang out together as Pier Ministers at Middle School
 - To be there to gossip or just be on your phone

Time Commitment

A Pier Minister is asked to serve by attending all middle school classes and training prior to the middle school classes. They are also committed to attending high school ministry regularly as well as weekly Mass.

Pier Ministry Monthly Meetings will be scheduled and shared in the fall. These will include prayer, team building, discipleship training and planning for the month ahead. The times of these meetings will be decided as a group once applications are in.

When a Pier Minister is serving for middle school, they are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to the session to meet with adults to go over the plans for the night. Pier Ministers are to be a welcoming presence to middle school students. Pier ministers are then to help facilitate any games or activities for that night as well as lead the small groups.

Pier Ministers are also asked to help with retreats for middle school students and the possibility of other events. This may also include parish activities when the help needed aligns with the purpose and goals of Pier Ministry.

As always there will be occasional opportunities to have fun as a team, support each other in life, sports, the arts or big accomplishments.

The Goal

Pier Ministry is here to help a Pier Minister form valuable leadership skills, ministry skills and to help the individual student grow in discipleship. Pier Ministry is not only a group to just serve, but also to learn and grow in faith together. The group works together as a team to serve the middle school ministry and our par

Virtues & Upstanding Morals

As a Pier Minister you are held to high standards as a good example for those whom you serve. Please complete the following and keep a copy as a reminder for what you are agreeing to do while serving on the Pier Ministry Team.

I (first & last name) _____ agree to uphold these virtues, morals and actions while serving on the Pier Ministry Team for 2023 - 2024. I understand that if at any time I am not in conduct with these that I may be asked to stop my service until I can uphold them again. By checking the boxes below and signing my name I agree to:

- ☐ Be an active practicing Catholic and observing the precepts of the church: by attending Mass weekly and on Holy Days of Obligation, receiving the sacrament of reconciliation at least once a year, receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season, observe days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church, and help to provide for the needs of the church.
- ☐ Believing and living out all the Catholic Church teaches, even on topics of abortion, homosexuality, chastity etc.
- ☐ Following the 10 commandments.
- ☐ Watching my language especially the use of God's name in vain while at the parish and outside the parish.
- ☐ Attending High School Ministry regularly, I understand that all Pier Ministers are required to attend High school Ministry as well as Pier Ministry.
- ☐ Using social media with respect for others and myself and to only share things which align with the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- ☐ Not using drugs, alcohol and other substances that are harmful to my body.
- ☐ Committing to a daily prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ.
- ☐ Being kind and respectful to all those who I serve, my fellow Pier Ministers, and adult leaders.
- ☐ Staying humble in my servant leadership, just because I am a Pier Minister, I am not entitled to more than those whom I serve.
- ☐ Sometimes I may not have all the right answers, I will seek guidance from an adult. Situations in which a student is harming themselves or others needs to be reported to an adult.
- ☐ Participating with an open mind and an open heart.
- ☐ I will strive to become a disciple of Christ in my life.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

I as the parent/ guardian am signing this acknowledging what my student has agreed to above. I as the parent/ guardian of the student listed above agree to help my student to the best of my ability in their agreements. I am also aware that my student is committing to serve on the Pier Ministry Team for the 2023-2024 year.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Pier Minister Application

The application must be accompanied by a signed copy of the virtues & upstanding morals page.
Please turn in your application by August 1, 2023.

Information

First & Last Name of Student: _____

Phone Number of Student: _____

Email Address of Student: _____

School: _____ Grade: 9th 10th 11th 12th

My Favorite Snack is: _____

Allergies to Food: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Questions

Please include typed one paragraph responses to each of the following questions and attach it to your application:

1. How would you describe your personal relationship with God? What is your prayer life like?
2. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? How are we called to be disciples every day?
3. What are some gifts and talents that you have that could help you serve others?
4. Please share your current time commitments with work, sports, volunteering, clubs etc.
5. Please share any of your current commitments which may interfere with your attending Pier Ministry events.