

YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

Sacred Heart/St. Matthew

Sacred Heart/St. Matthew Parishes welcome the opportunity to be involved in the faith formation of your child. This program is directed by Jodi Murphy, youth minister, and carried out through the volunteer efforts of parents and other adult parishioners. If you have questions or concerns call Jodi Murphy at 920-485-0694, ext. 225 or email ymsacredheart@archmil.org. Classes meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:15 pm.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents, you effectively demonstrate your faith conviction by being involved in the youth ministry program. Your volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated!

When you enroll your child in the sixth grade, you will be asked to meet with Jodi Murphy. This is an opportunity to create an effective line of communication between you, the parents, and the youth minister. It is also an opportunity to thoughtfully consider your level of involvement in the youth ministry program.

Parents, you are also encouraged to attend any special program events during the year. Notes concerning projects and events will be sent home regularly with your child.

FAITH FORMATION

Our goal is to increase the student's knowledge of the Catholic faith, to involve them in prayer experiences and to encourage them to do good works. The classroom sessions provide our youth with the knowledge of their faith. Each student also completes one service project (two for juniors) as an experience of good works. There will also be prayer services, liturgies, and retreat experiences so that our youth have an opportunity to grow in their spiritual lives.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

We are dedicated to providing a quality education program for our youth. To be effective, our program requires consistent attendance by all students. Absences not only effect the student, they also disrupt group projects and follow-up lessons. Students should strive to achieve perfect lass attendance, participation in their grade level Mass and completion of their service projects.

Students absent from four classes must attend one make-up class on a Sunday Check-in session following 9:30am Mass. A fifth of sixth absence requires a second Sunday Check-in (see Sunday Check-in calendar). Seven absences from class sessions/events will result in repeating the grade. Please note: The grade level Sunday Liturgy counts as a class and the service project counts as a class. Failure to complete make-up sessions will require the student to be taught by Jodi Murphy the following year.

Any individual case may be selected for review by the Directors, Pastor, and/or the Christian Formation Committee for the appropriate action.

SACRAMENT GUIDELINES

Sacrament preparation requires two years of attendance. This means that students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend the tenth and eleventh grade program.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

As Catholics, our youth are to display Christian attitudes and actions towards their teacher and their peers in all program activities. Any student who displays inappropriate behavior or who consistently disrupts classroom activity will be taught by Jodi Murphy.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Our youth ministry program is a serious educational and spiritual formation program. To be effective, we ask that the following guidelines are followed:

- Students should not bring candy, gum, food, or beverages to class.
- Caps and hats are not to be worn in the buildings.
- Cell phones, tablets, headphones/ear pieces, and any other technology must be turned off and not used during class so that they do not distract from the learning environment. It is best practice to leave these things at home in your vehicle.

The police department will be notified when weapons, illegal drugs or alcohol products are present among minors.

PRESCRIPTION & NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE

All medicines are to be dispensed through the youth minister and stored in the parish office during program time. A parent must fill out a permission form before medication may be dispensed to your child.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Each family is encouraged to generously support Sacred Heart/St. Matthew Parishes. Youth who wish to contribute to the parish on a weekly basis are encouraged to request their own envelopes.

In addition to your weekly financial support of Sacred Heart/St. Matthew Parishes, the following tuition schedule has been approved for the 2020-2021 school year:

1 child	\$90.00
2 children	\$140.00
3 or more children	\$170.00
Non-parishioner fee	\$90.00
Confirmation Retreat	\$50.00

Any family that is experiencing a hardship should contact Jane Hechimovich, the parish business manager at 920-485-0694 ext. 222 or Fr. Justin at ext. 223.

CURRICULUM

This year we will be using Pflaum Gospel Weeklies as our curriculum for each grade level with the exception of 2nd and 11th. Each lesson in the program flows from the words of Jesus Christ in the Sunday Gospels. Children learn their faith—including formation in doctrine, sacraments, commandments, and prayer—within the rhythms and seasons of the Liturgical Year, encouraging a growing participation in the life of the parish community. The program consists of a Catechism handbook for each child, plus 32 weekly Gospel-based lessons. Together, they provide a unique alternative to the traditional textbooks.

Grades K-1 → Promise

Grades 4-6 → Venture

Grades 2-3 → Good News

Grades 7-10 → Visions

MISSION STATEMENT

SACRED HEART/ST. MATTHEW

*We, the members of Sacred Heart Parish,
are united by our common faith in the one God who loves us,
in Christ Jesus who saves us,
and in the one Holy Spirit who blesses us.*

*We are also one in our connection with the Church
of Southeastern Wisconsin,
the entire Roman Catholic Church,
and indeed, with all of God's people.*

*Our mission is to provide for the ongoing and continued presence and action of the
Catholic Church in the heart of Dodge County.*

*We strive to do this by making wise use of the resources,
gifts, and talents that God has given us.*

*As we journey together into the future,
We commit ourselves to affirm and support one another.
Our desire is to share ideas, plans, and visions for the future.*

*We also pledge not to be afraid to trust, to accept challenges,
or to take risks.*

NEW PROCEDURES FOR COVID19

We want to keep our students as safe as possible during this time of Covid-19, so we are asking the following. Upon entering the building (door leading to the Faith Wing only) each person will wear a mask. If someone forgets or doesn't have one, we will provide one. The student will go directly to his/her classroom. Once in the classroom, h/she will use the hand sanitizer provided and proceed to assigned seat. Social distancing spacing rules will be implemented. The students should stay in their assigned seat at all times unless permission has been given to move. No food of any kind (not even wrapped) will be allowed till further notice. The water fountain is off limits right now, so students will have to provide their own water to drink. Only open stalls may be used in the bathroom. (The rest are blocked off with yellow caution tape). Classes will be dismissed by grade at the end of the evening in front of the Faith Wing door, so please wait outside in your vehicle till your child appears. All of these rules are open to change depending on Covid-19 standards.