

St. Jude's Office of Faith Formation will be closed on Fridays beginning June 1, 2018,

(with the exception of our registration deadlines of June 29 and August 31; on those dates we will be open during normal business hours 9am - 4pm)

For your convenience this month, our Faith Formation Offices will stay open on Wednesday evenings until 7:00pm. Please get your registration in an soon as possible to receive the full payment/early deadline savings.

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2018-19 REGISTRATION

The 2018-19 Faith Formation Registration is due June 29, 2018. We have an **Early Bird Discount** for those who **register & pay in full by June 29**, **2018, so register ASAP for the best deal!**

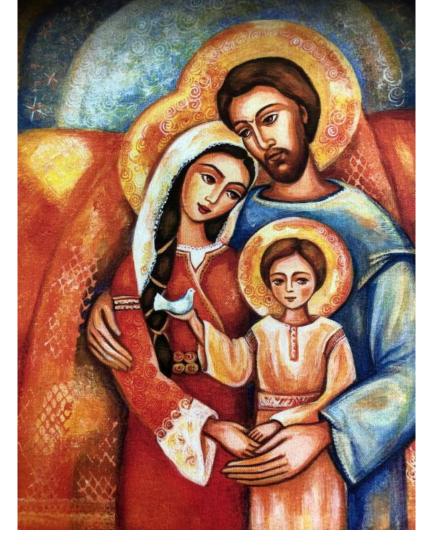
If you did not receive your registration packet, please pick it up at the Faith Formation Office. You can also print **registration materials** from the St. Jude website. Please tell your friends about us, especially if they have a child entering 1St grade in the fall.

Download the 2018-19 brochure <u>here</u> for the tentative 2018-19 Faith Formation program calendar.



Thank you for allowing us the privilege of accompanying you and your family on your faith journey. We are grateful to be partners in faith.

> Sincerely, The St. Jude Faith Formation Team



It has been one of the great privileges of my life to work with the people of this parish. After over 11 years in ministry here at St. Jude, it is bittersweet to announce that I will be leaving on June 30th. I go on to continue the work of family faith formation for the organization of National Conference of Catechetical Leaders, the Catholic publisher Our Sunday Visitor and the ecumenical group Vibrant Faith.

In my absence Katie Neu will take on the role of Director of Lifelong Faith Formation. She will continue to work with families in faith formation, but in addition to that role she will take over this newsletter, and will manage the team. Denise Boisvert will take on the role of Director of Parish Outreach. She will take on tasks related to adult faith formation, including planning the annual Parish Mission. Please see the announcement below.

As a parting gift, recognizing my years with them, the St. Jude staff gave me the image above. It now hangs in my home office and I will think of you all every time I look at it. Please know you will be forever in my prayers!

With heartfelt gratitude, Denise Utter Director of Parish Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation Announcements

We're taking notes...

Denise Boisvert invites adult parishioners to join her as she hosts brainstorming, listening sessions to help plan our Adult Faith Formation agenda for the coming year. Please feel free to contact Denise at <u>dboisvert@stjudes.org</u> or leave a message at 815/463-4292. Your input is welcome and needed to best serve the adult formation needs of parishioners for years to come.





Parish Mission 2019

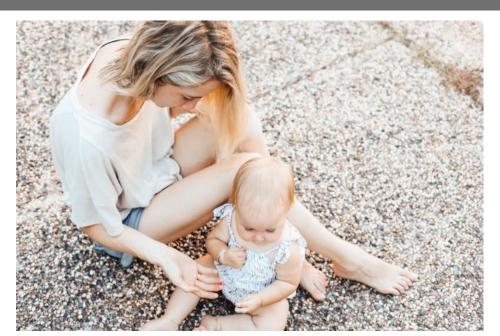
Save the Date for Parish Mission 2019

Topic: Missionary Disciples Speaker: John Donahue-Grossman speaker, retreat leader, author of *Ray: Jesus in Distressing Disguise* Dates: Mon. -Wed., Feb. 25-27, 2019 Teen mission on Feb. 24th

Protecting God's Children Workshop on June 5th at 8am

If you plan to work with children, chaperone on field trips or mission trips, or just want to discover more about keeping our children safe today, please register for this workshop ASAP. Click <u>HERE</u> to register!

Early Childhood Faith Formation



Ministry of Moms Sharing (M.O.M.S.)

Moms and children are welcome to enjoy friendship and faith sharing as we enjoy some outdoor summer fun. Come as often as you can, bring the kids or come alone. Bring sunscreen and your own snacks. All fees must be paid by the participants. Contact Denise Boisvert with questions. 815/463-4292

- Friday, June 8th--<u>Hibernia Park Splash Pad</u>, 1664 Eagle Circle, New Lenox 10am-12 noon, splash pad open 11am-6pm,on days with weather 74 degrees and higher, \$1 per person in district, \$3 per person out of district
- **Tuesday, June 12th**—<u>Firefighters Park</u>, Manor Drive, New Lenox, 10am-12noon
- Wednesday, June 20th-- Elwood Children's Garden, 10am-?, Do not follow mapquest it gets you lost in subdivision. Take Laraway West to Rt. 53/S. Chicago street left. Take this to West Manhattan Road Right. Drive (about 2 miles) to the 4 way stop which is Brandon Road. Turn Left on Brandon Road and then weave into town, pass clearing of trees, if you get to school you went too far
- June 22-RSVP and payment are due for the MOMS NIGHT OUT Escape Room adventure scheduled for June 29th, see below
- Tuesday, June 26th (date/location tentative)—Schmuhl School, 10am-RSVP required. Call/text Denise at 815/545-5931. There will be a small fee, more details to follow.
- Friday, June 29---MOMS NIGHT OUT Escape Room Adventure (Location TBA)-RSVP and payment required by June 22. More details to follow.
- Monday, July 2nd--Hibernia Park Splash Pad,1664 Eagle Circle, New Lenox. 10am-12 noon, splash pad open 11am-6pm, on days with weather 74 degrees and higher, \$1 per person in district, \$3 per person out of district.
- Wednesday, July 11th-This park event is not sponsored by St. Jude. 10-12pm. Commissioners Park/Fort Frankfort Sauk Trail and 80thAvenue. There is a splash pad at this location. Please check with Frankfort park district for fees and hours of operation.
- Thursday, July 19—St. Jude Playground 10am-12noon. And RSVP for MOMS Night Out scheduled for July 20th, see below.
- Friday, July 20th. Rsvp due for The Farm scheduled for July 26th, see below
- Friday, July 20th—MOMS NIGHT OUT—7pm, Dancing Marlin 20590 S. LaGrange, Frankfort. RSVP by July 18th
- Thursday, July 26th The Farm at the Center in Palos Park, Tour begins promptly at 10am, please arrive by 9:50am. \$7 or \$8 with hayride per person, under 12 mos old -free. Bring sack lunch for after hayride. Must register to attend!! Please contact

Denise at 815/545-5931 to register! Limited space available.RSVP required by Friday, July 20th.

- Wednesday, August 1-- Countryview/ Royal Meadows Park,10am-12pm, Jackson Branch and Daniel Lewis Drive, New Lenox, 10am-12noon
- Tuesday, August 7th Sharon's Bay Park located in Bluestone Bay subdivision at Bluestone Bay Drive and Westwind Drive, 10am-12pm
- August 20thplease RSVP for MOMS Night Out scheduled for August 24th.
- Friday, August 24–MOMS NIGHT OUT–7PM, Parmesans Station TINLEY PARK LOCATION! 18001 80thAvenue. RSVP by August 20th.

Sunday Pre-School (For ages 3 years - Kindergarten by Sept. 1, 2018) Registration is now open for the 2018-2019 school year. Our Sunday School program offers a curriculum filled with bible stories and lessons which include crafts, games, prayer experiences and music, which have been carefully selected to suit our children's specific stages of development. **Volunteer Catechists and teen aides are needed for the coming year.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered during most 9am and 11am Masses from September through May each year. CLOW is available for children ages 5-8 years old and allows children to hear the Readings and Homily at their own level. **Volunteers are needed for Angels, Readers and Homilists for the coming year.**

If you enjoy the beauty and sacredness of the sacraments, and also love babies our **Baptism Hospitality Team is in need of volunteers** to assist during Baptism ceremonies. You would assist with greeting guests, assisting the deacons and guests throughout the ceremony. Training is provided. Volunteers are always needed!

Elementary Family Faith Formation

Families Living Faith Reminder:

All Unit 7 Reviews, Explore 4, and Mass Reflections were due June 1st. If you still have not turned them in, please drop them off at the Faith Formation Office, leave them in our drop box, drop them in the collection basket (in a marked envelope), or even mail them in.

Fun Catholic Things to Do This Summer

As you enjoy the summer weather and time outdoors



with your family, be intentional about recognizing and thanking God for His gift of creation... take a nature walk and thank God for the trees, the tall grasses, the meadows, the birds, the animals... go to the beach and thank Him for the cool waters, the sand in between your toes and the warm sunshine, wherever you are, thank God for the beauty around you!

Visit the Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John Indiana! The Shrine of the Christ's Passion is a multi-media interactive, half-mile winding Prayer Trail that depicts the last days of Jesus Christ's life. Forty life-size bronze sculptures in a tranquil setting, complete with beautiful music and amazingly sculptured gardens allow visitors to experience the story of the crucifixion and resurrection as never before! You can also see the 33 foot tall Our Lady of the New Millennium statue, and Moses & the 10 Commandments! <u>http://shrineofchristspassion.org/</u>

Attend a packing session at Feed My Starving Children! FMSC offers volunteers, as young as 5 years old, a one-of-a-kind experience. You'll hand-pack rice, soy, dried vegetables and a nutritionally complete blend of vitamins and minerals into bags which are then sealed, boxed, placed on pallets and shipped to our incredible partners working hard to reach the neediest children around the world. <u>https://www.fmsc.org/</u>

Summer is a great time to visit new Churches, especially when you are on vacation! It is fun to see how other communities worship! You can find Mass Times almost anywhere in the world at <u>www.masstimes.org</u>.

Visit https://formed.org/ before your next family movie night or if you are looking for something great to binge watch! St. Jude has gifted you with free access to FORMED, a Catholic "Netflix"! Just create an account and enter our special code '8c62ef' for instant access to great Catholic content for kids, families, and adults!

Summer Series: Pivotal Players from Bishop Robert Barron

Special Summer Adult Faith Formation Series! All are welcome!

Click <u>HERE</u> for more info or to register/RSVP.

Click <u>HERE</u> to learn more about Word on Fire's Pivotal Players The St. Jude Summer Wisdom Series Presents...

CATHOLICISM THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS

A multi-part film series by Bishop Robert Barron that illumines saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.

June 13th - ST. FRANCIS ... The Reformer



Rebuild my Church! That's the mission Christ gave to St. Francis and it's the perennial task of the Church in every age of its life. But how is the reform & renewal of the Church to be accomplished? The life of St. Francis demonstrates that Christ intends the foundations of true & lasting reform to be built on the solid rock that is the radical witness of the saints.

June 20th - ST. CATHERINE of SIENA The Mystic



Is the physical world all there is? Is science the only path to ascertaining truth? St. Catherine of Siena witnesses to a higher world beyond the material. Though the fourteenth century mystic never studied theology, and never learned how to read or write, her life constitutes a powerful challenge to the flattened-out secularism of our time.

June 27th - G.K. CHESTERTON ... The Evangelist



How does one engage a culture that is befuddled by Christ and suspicious of the Church? The life and witness of this nineteenth century literary convert shows that the fundamental disposition of effective evangelization is joy, and life in Christ is a day-today encounter with an abundant and surprising offer of grace.

Viewing and discussion will take place in Meeting Room 4 7:00-8:30 pm

Questions? Contact Steve Martin, Director of Family Faith Formation at 815-463-4223/smartin@stjudes.org

SUMMER CAMP - SAVE THE DATE

The Saints: God's All Star Team!

Summer Kids Camp JULY 16-19, 2018 9am - 12:30pm



Click **<u>HERE</u>** to sign up.

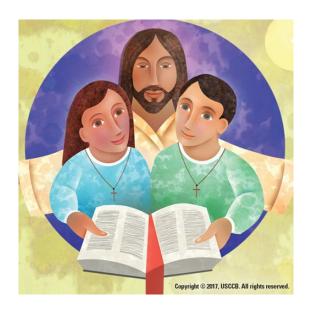
Two of our field trips have been announced. Click **HERE** for more information.

We still need teen and adult volunteers. Click **<u>HERE</u>** to sign up!



Volunteers Needed for 2019-2020

We are getting ready for fall and looking for new volunteers! Please prayerfully consider if you or someone you know would be a great catechist, teen or adult aid, nanny, or hall monitor. We would love to hear from you! You can view the volunteer registration form **HERE**.



Junior High Youth Ministry

Click <u>here</u> for the fun, free & exciting summer events!

Summer Extravaganza Sunday, July 8th 6:00-10:00 pm

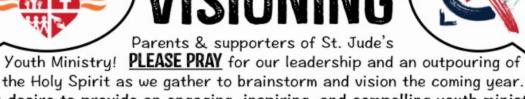
Kick off an AMAZING week of Teen Nights with the largest and most outrageous teen social event in New Lenox! All 7th & 8th grade teens are invited and encouraged to bring a friend and a dessert to share.

Dinner * Games * Live DJ * LIFE Mass Slip & Slide * Volleyball * Bonfire * Scavenger Hunt



Click here to register for Summer Extravaganza or Dive In!

Please Pray for St. Jude Youth Ministry



YOUTH MINISTRY

We desire to provide an engaging, inspiring, and compelling youth ministry that journeys with teens in junior high and high school (and their families) as they develop and deepen a personal relationship with Jesus.

Please click <u>HERE</u> for a short vide that explains our mission and vision and how you can support our teens and families—through prayer, promotion, invitation, and/or getting involved!

Click **HERE** for the fun, free & exciting summer events! Incoming 7th & 8th grade teens are encouraged to bring a friend! Teens who participate feel more a part of the community, will gain self-confidence, and grow in faith!

All students who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are asked to participate in a **Confirmation Retreat**.

Click <u>HERE</u> for a list of 7 outstanding, engaging, and inspirational retreat options. Spaces are limited so please register early; two options are this summer!

Summer Extravaganza! Sunday, July 8th 6-10 pm Kick off an AMAZING week of Dive In Teen Nights with the largest and most outrageous social event in New Lenox! Live DJ, slip & slide, Life Mass, Food, Sports & Scavenger Hunt. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information.

For ALL TEENS (JH & HS)

Social Gatherings

(includes sports, socializing, bonfire and s'mores):

- High School BONFIRES: Tuesday, June 5th 7-9 pm, Thursday, July 5th 7-9 pm, and Wednesday, August 8th 7-9 pm
- Junior High S'MOCIALS: Sundays, June 24 & Aug 5 7:30-9 pm in the Picnic Grove (join us for 6:30 pm Life Mass)

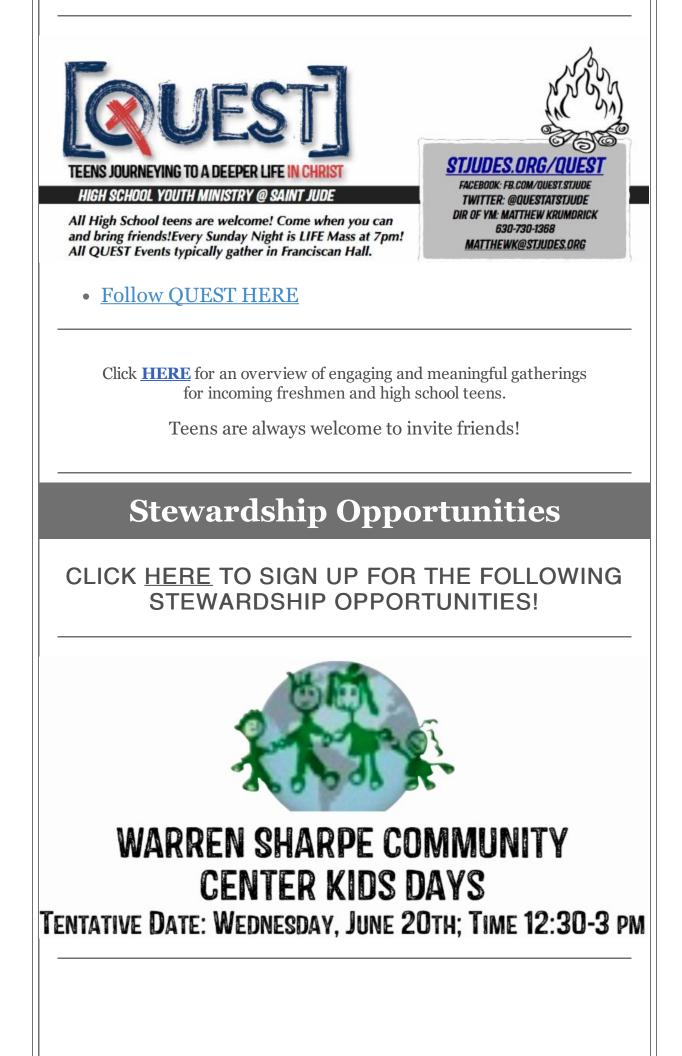
"Dive In" Teen Nights Dive in to a Better Selfie July 9-12th 7-9 pm

An outrageously exciting week of evening gatherings that combine hilarious communitybuilding games with thought-provoking testimonials and teachings to help junior high teens grow friendships, self-confidence & faith! Click here to register.



"Dive In" Teen Nights:

"Dive in to a better Selfie" Monday- Thursday, July 9-12th 7-9 pm Don't miss this outrageously exciting week of evening gatherings that combine hilarious community-building games with thought-provoking testimonials and teachings to help teens grow in faith and friendship with God. Teens can experience the Sacraments and have a blast with new and old friends. The focus this year is on helping teens recognize the goodness and value they have and grow in self-confidence. Please register online and turn in the permission form and \$10 by July 8th.





We have six \$100 scholarships to assist anyone who would like to attend Catholic Heart Workcamp and two \$50 scholarships for any junior high teen who would like to attend IMPACT. Please contact Jenny or Matthew immediately!

