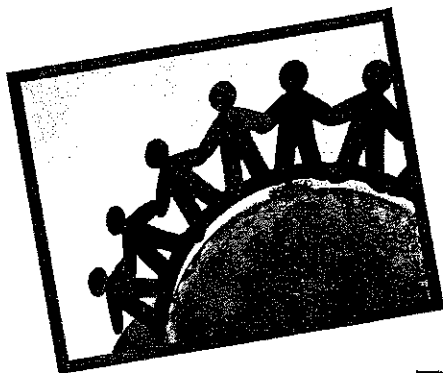


# Explore Four Reflection Form



# Life of the Parish Faith Formation

*The Catholic Community of St. Jude*

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME of EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Grades: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

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Family Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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How might this Life of the Parish Event help a member of the parish grow in their faith?

List possible benefits of participating in these parish events?

Describe your experience:

Other Comments:

Please turn completed forms in at Families Living Faith, Families Called to the Table, JHYM Sessions, or to the Faith Formation Office. You may also send forms to the Office of Faith Formation, St. Jude, 241 West Second Ave, New Lenox, IL 60451.

# Life of the Parish Faith Formation

*NCCL awarded St. Jude the 2014 New Wineskins Award for this Life of the Parish Faith Formation Program!*

**Our holistic approach to Faith Formation came from an intense study and reflection by our Faith Formation Board and Staff of documents written by our U.S. Catholic Bishops. *The Parish is the Curriculum!* Please see our Life of the Parish (Explore Four) Packet for a full description/explanation of this parish life focus.**

Because this approach is focused on forming ourselves and our children in the Catholic faith by full participation in the **life of the parish**, Explore Four events focus on **PARISH** opportunities for being formed in the faith. Most community events, though positive in nature and intent, **do not count** as Explore Four events.

Occasionally, a parish group will participate in a community event together - these types of event do count as Explore Four events, because the parish community participates together. Certain diocesan events also help us grow in our faith and build up our local community as well as our universal Catholic Church. If an event is not a St. Jude parish or Joliet Diocese event, please do not list it as an Explore 4 event. Some multi day events (like Christ Renews His Parish/Welcome weekends) count as two Explore 4 events. Up to two Families Living the Gospel reflection forms can be used for Explore 4. If you have questions about whether an event can be included or not, please call our office at 815-463-4260/463-4262.



## Life of the Parish Events Ongoing Opportunities for Explore 4 Participation

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
  - Holy Hour Thursdays
  - First Friday Adoration
- Bible Studies/Gospel Small Groups
- Biblical Institute (added cost)
- Catechist/Coach Ministry
- Christ Renews His Parish/Welcome
- Daybreak Ministry
- Elizabeth Ministry
- Extraordinary Minister of Communion for Shut-ins
- Junior Women's Club
- Life in the Spirit Prayer Group
- Liturgy of the Hours
- Knights of Columbus
- Meal Angels
- Men's Ministry Prayer Group
- MOMS Social Group
- Music Ministries
- Peace and Social Justice
- RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation
- Respect Life Ministry
- Rosary for Life
  - Wednesdays 7pm
  - Saturdays 8am

## SACRAMENTAL PREP

- First Reconciliation Prep
  - Nov 27 or 28
- First Eucharist Prep
  - Saturday, March 9 or
  - Saturday, April 6 or
  - Saturday, April 13
- First Eucharist Practice
  - April 30 or May 7 (assigned)
- 2 Confirmation Year 1 Workshops
  - September 23 or 24
  - January 27 or 28
- 3 Confirmation Year 2 Preps
  - September 16 or 17
  - January 13 or 14
  - April 14 or April 15

## Upcoming Life of the Parish Events 2018 -19

- Advent Reconciliation Service (TBA)
- Cantatas
- College Care Packages (TBA)
- Cross Walk (April 19)
- Dive In July 8-12
- Family Advent Wreath Special (Dec. 1)
- Family Game Night (Oct. 20)
- Family Movie Night (Feb. 1)
- Field Trips (Varies -TBA)
  - Service, i.e. Feed My Starving Children
  - Faith Friends, i.e. American Islamic Association in Frankfort
- Giving Tree Volunteerism (Dec. 2 - 7)
- The Legend of St. Nicholas (Dec. 15)
- Learning Events by Ministries (Varies)
- Lenten Reconciliation Service (TBA)
- Local Service Opportunities (TBA)
- Mission Trips Informational Meeting (TBA)
- Parent Orientation (Sept. 12)
- PARISH MISSION (TBA)
- RETREATS (Varies - TBA)
- Spring Parish Day of Service
- Saint Francis Pet Blessing
- Sharefest Recycle Palooza
- Sharefest Projects (Sept. and Oct.)
- Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper (April 18)
- Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (April 19)
- Stations of the Cross (Fridays during Lent)
- Summer Wednesday Adult Faith Formation Series - Pivotal Players (see details right)

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Summer  
Wednesday Night  
Adult FF Series  
PIVOTAL PLAYERS**

7:00 - 8:30pm

June 13

June 20

June 27

**2018 SUMMER  
KIDS CAMP**

9am - 12:30pm

July 16 - 19

**2019 PARISH  
MISSION**

tentative dates...

7:00 - 8:30pm

**February 25, 26 & 27**

check back in August for  
finalized schedule

Watch the bulletin and  
newsletter for info or go to:  
[www.dynacal.com/stjudes](http://www.dynacal.com/stjudes)